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Desert Stars Win Big In Vegas

About twenty Desert Star members and one Terrier drove to Las Vegas for StarFest'06.

Sunday night we checked into the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino to get ready for the welcome reception hosted by the Las Vegas Section and Fletcher Jones. It was an awesome sight to see

"Welcome M.B.C.A. Members to STARFEST 06" on the over size display screen out front of the hotel.

Monday morning everyone gathered at the Spanish Trail golf and country club for the Concours d'Elegance. After a full day of judging and a great catered lunch on the fairway, most of us returned to the hotel for the drivers meeting. After the meeting every one returned to the country club for the Concours' awards banquet.

Tuesday morning everyone drove to Spring Mountain Motor Sport race track in Pahrump, fifty miles outside Las Vegas. Spring Mountain has three and one half miles of race course. That was configured for defensive driving, auto cross and a 2.2 mile road course. For the next three days members from all over the country and some from Canada tested their cars and skills on this professional race track.

Thursday night was the Gala Final banquet sponsored by Mercedes Benz USA. Awards for the racing were handed out with dinner following. Special guests included John Fitch, the only American to ever drive for the Mercedes Race Team, and Dr. Dieter Zetsche, Chairman of the



Desert Stars Dick Sharp, Bud Cloninger, Chuck Landenberger and Rick Stacio with John Fitch and "Dr. Z"

Board Daimler Chrysler, better known from his commercials as "Dr. Z".

All together Desert Stars members received about twenty trophies and awards for Concours and Auto Racing. Three of our members helped organize track and Concours events or were driving instructors. This made The Desert Stars, "A large presence at StarFest'06!"

Bud Cloninger

StarFest'06 Results for the Desert Stars

Concours d'Elegance

Philip Luffy	1953 300CE Cab	Section: Show	Class: 1A	First Place	Judges' Choice
John Wright	1958 300SL	Section: Show	Class: 1A	Second Place	
Mark Passarelli	1957 300SL	Section: Show	Class: 1A	Third Place	
Richard Sharp	1953 300S	Section: Street	Class: 03	First Place	
Jim Friesen	1979 300SD	Section: Street	Class: 08A	Third Place	
Chuck Landenberger	1992 500E	Section: Street	Class: 08A	Fourth Place	

Acceleration

Richard Sharp	Class 01	First Place
Bud Cloninger	Class 01	Second Place
Walt Anderson	Class 05	Second Place
Chuck Landenberger	Class 12	Second Place
Jim Friesen	Class 14	Second Place

Autocross

Richard Sharp	Class 01	Third Place
Walt Anderson	Class 05	First Place
Chuck Landenberger	Class 12	First Place
Jim Friesen	Class 14	First Place

Time Trials

Richard Sharp	Class 01	Second Place
Walt Anderson	Class 05	First Place
Chuck Landenberger	Class 12	First Place
Jim Friesen	Class 14	First Place

Rallye

Chuck & Ava Stanford	First Place
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