

MBCA BC Stars

BC Benz Bulletin

An Issue in Celebration of a Stellar Driving Season. . .
 . . . and marking the return of the *MBCA Whistler Run* !



Summing Up Our Summer and Fall In A Word . . .

Greetings to my fellow MB enthusiasts and welcome to the 2013 Fall Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. If one had to put a word to this year's summer and early fall's driving weather, I think it has to be "*stellar*". And not just because of the sheer amount of amazing weather we've enjoyed during this driving season, but because that weather coincided with so many of our club's events. The weather for our annual Show & Shine, *stellar*. The weather for the return of the MBCA Whistler run,

stellar. And the word *stellar* also sums up the people involved in all of this driving season's events. From each of the event organizers, to all of the participants. Enjoy this fall issue of the *Bulletin* and relive the memories of a *stellar* driving season.

Grateful for Stellar,
Bruce Woloshyn



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President's Message

Hello Enthusiasts,

We have had a great summer with plenty of car events to enjoy. What appealed to me most was that the turnout of members and enthusiasts exceeded expectations for pretty well every event.

That is most rewarding to those of us who were involved in the organization. Not only were the organizers Club Officers, but we had significant volunteers such as Manfred Stenzel and Joseph Anthony who jumped at the chance to make our Whistler event a major success. My hearty thanks to all of you.

We must be doing something right, but I still feel that we are on a learning curve. Your feedback is most welcome as to how we can up our game and what other ideas you might have for a meeting.

A special thanks goes out to Nestor Balcé of the Mercedes-Benz Retail Group. By posting some of our events through their customer contact list we had many new attendees. I am sure those who participated experienced a new dimension to Mercedes-Benz ownership, something unexpected but rewarding and complimentary to the brand image. Thank you also Nestor for the many prizes you have donated.

While we have been having fun at the coast, I continue to ponder how we can invigorate those of you on the other side of the Rockies. There is a real desire from our team to help our Albertan and Saskatchewan members gain a similar level of enjoyment from socializing with likeminded enthusiasts.

A final thank you to all of you who brought out your car to one of the gatherings. Your attendance is a reward and compliment to all those who helped organize the occasion.

Enough from me, feast your eyes on what Bruce Woloshyn has provided in this newsletter.

Happy Benzing
Louis F. Fourie





Listing of Mercedes-Benz and Other Car Events in the Pacific Northwest

George Murphy & Kent Bergsma Tech Education Day

Saturday, November 23rd, 10:00 AM - Seattle, Washington

By Jim Houk & Jerry Cole

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 23rd as the MBCA Seattle Section hosts George Murphy and Kent Bergsma for a jam-packed day of technical information and lively Q&A on your favorite Mercedes-Benz model. We will meet at the all-new Mercedes-Benz of Seattle dealership on Airport Way South in their 2nd floor classroom.

George Murphy is the long time technical contributor to the *Star* magazine and has written hundreds of articles. He is also the National Technical Director of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Check out his website at: www.perfanalysis.com. He will cover various subjects including:

- How to buy an older Mercedes-Benz
- Internet resources for the Do-It-Yourselfers
- Tire selections for your Mercedes
- The future with your electronic Mercedes-Benz
- Maintenance and repair on your Mercedes and various other subjects.

Kent Bergsma is the founder and technical genius behind Mercedes Source.COM in Bellingham. Mercedes Source is the number 1 source for Mercedes specialty repair kits, tools and repair information that will allow you to repair your older Benz yourself. They focus on providing solutions to the most common technical problems that owners face on the W110 111 108 109 114 115 107 116 123 201 and 124 chassis. If you love these Mercedes gas and diesel models and are a do-it-yourself (D.I.Y.) mechanic you have come to the right place. Even if you have never worked on a car before, we can help teach you how to fix those annoying little and big problems, improve mileage and performance and save hundreds of dollars in the process. Check out Kent's web site at www.mercedessource.com.

RSVP: If you have any technical questions or topics you want covered for George or Kent, please feel free to call Jim Houk at (360) 479-6650 or email me at jth@telebyte.com prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Directions: **Mercedes-Benz of Seattle** is located at 2025 Airport Way South in Seattle. From I-5, take exit 163 for West Seattle Bridge. Follow signs for Spokane Street and merge onto South Spokane Street. Turn right onto 6th Ave S. Turn right onto S Lander Street and then turn left onto Airport Way.



Sharing in Stanley Park's 125th Celebration

By Louis Fourie



All of the Greater Vancouver car clubs were invited to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Stanley Park on August 24th and 25th. I represented MBCA for both days and was joined by Marie and Manfred Stenzel on Saturday and Greg Lee on Sunday. There were a wide variety of cars, some nearing their own centenary.

Many tourists enjoyed viewing the display but were in the habit of placing their hands on cars to imply ownership while being photographed. One young lady even settled into the passenger seat of a Thunderbird. She departed rapidly when the owner commented that anyone sitting in that seat goes home with him.

Judging by the ear-to-ear smiles from two young boys, they enjoyed my offer to sit behind the wheel of the 230SL and honk the horn. Besides their cute young mothers were ever so grateful. I still remember and cherish adults who shared their auto enthusiasm with me as a young gaffer.



MBCA BC Section president, Louis Fourie, and long time member, Manfred Stenzel.



BC Section 2013 Show & Shine Report

By Tony Milikin

Well, there we were on a beautiful Sunday morning at a new location and date for our annual show. We were at Shipbuilders Square in North Vancouver. The sky was light blue as far as the eye could see. The North Shore Mountains were a not so distant setting to the north of us, their green outlines solid against that blue sky. We could hear the sound of the waves gently lapping at the shore directly behind us and the downtown city across the water with her high-rise windows glistening in the morning light looking back at us, well it really was beautiful.

It was 8:00 AM and we had members already on site who have found their favorite spot to enjoy the day. Over the next couple of hours, those few lone members would be joined by over 60 amazing examples of Mercedes heritage.

Our local Mercedes-Benz Dealership network arrived with some great showroom examples to share with the visitors along with some of the finest Mercedes SWAG to share with a few of our enthusiasts. Louis and Sean worked out a great plan in order properly distribute prizes to winners. Thanks to Nestor Balcé and his team for their continued support of our club.

By noon, there were moments when you looked down through the rows and cars and just saw all of the conversations happening between those who arrived with their cars and those who just came down for the spectacle. Enthusiasts were pulling manuals out from the trunks and comparing notes, old and new books were discussed and more than a few stories were told to new friends. The smell of the hot dogs being prepared by the vendor was wafting through the site and encouraging more than a few conversations to be completed over food and drink.

Then there were the real stars for the show, one by one they slowly arrived. The beautiful pagodas arriving with the tops down, drivers smiling like they had just gotten away with a little something. We were able to set aside a special place of honour for them as it was the 50 year anniversary for this iconic convertible.

First a blue one, then a white and, wow, there was a red one! Early afternoon showed 2 blue ones parked side by side, 2 white pagodas and 2 silver parked next to each other and a poor lone red pagoda on the end. Then, off in the distance, a familiar sound from the morning and behold another red came to join the party. It was so natural to see them paired the way they ended up. At no time had anyone expected to see 8 examples and with the luck of the drivers picking their original parking spots that we would have everyone colour matched at the end of it all.

It seemed too soon, then one by one the sound of engines started to overtake the sounds of conversation in the middle of the afternoon. The pedestrian traffic seemed to melt back into the rhythm of North Vancouver. Slowly the movement of these beautiful machines moving one by one out of the square with the late afternoon sun glistening off the paint and chrome would become a memory and a feeling of excitement for what this event will be like next year.



BC Section 2013 Show & Shine In Pictures

Photos by Victor Chan, Sean Clark, Louis Fourie and Bruce Woloshyn

Show & Shine Competition!



bringing **CAR LOVERS TOGETHER**
celebrating the **SL PAGODA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY**
winning **NEW FRIENDS**

Making neighbours jealous since 1954

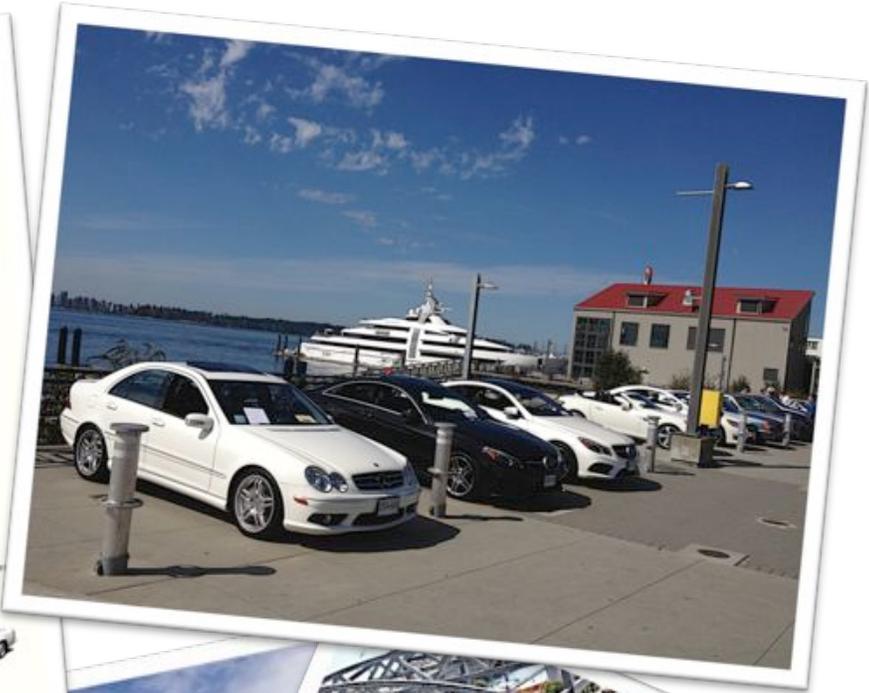
See it at the show!
For those who love power, the 2013 SL550 is a sure winner. With 429-hp, 4.6-liter V-8 engine, this is the new SL model your friends will drool over. There is no other Mercedes-Benz class quite like it.



The 1950's marked the beginning of a dynasty with the creation of the first Mercedes-Benz. Built on the foundations of superior styling, handling and power, there is still no car on the road that compares to it. Come experience the evolution of Mercedes-Benz's most legendary road car.



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September 1, 2013, 10am - 3pm | Waterfront Park, North Vancouver
\$10 competition fee (\$5 for second) | Free admission
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BC Section 2013 Show & Shine In Pictures (continued)





BC Section 2013 Show & Shine In Pictures (continued)





BC Section 2013 Show & Shine In Pictures Display Vehicles Owners Gallery Sunday, September 1st, 2013



Jae Kim's styling
2010
SL 550 roadster.



Detailed to shine specifically for
the event is Brian Yu's
2009 C63 AMG Sedan.



In the classic big body style,
MBCA member Janko
Predovic's 1990 300 SE.



MBCA member, David
Godwin's daily driver, his
1995 E320 wagon.



Leigh Gayman's beautiful
1995 SL 500 roaster,
"Midnight".



The top-down weather brought
out Dan Cachola and his
1985 380 SL roadster.



With only 2,850 ever built, this
2005 C55 AMG is one of
only 97 in Canada.



Steve Bobardt and his pal, Joe,
with his 1966 230 SL.



Lewis Reinders brings his
1971 280 SL pagoda.



BC Section 2013 Show & Shine In Pictures Display Vehicles Owners Gallery Sunday, September 1st, 2013



MBCA member, Don Rutherford, shows his classic 1953 MB 220.



MBCA BC vice-president, Sean Clark, shows the performance side with his 1992 500E .



A classic luxury sedan, MBCA's Joseph Anthony is all class with his 1979 300 SD.



Another convertible for the sunny day, Mirko Gusic's 1987 560 SL.



Gull wings on display, Ron Price's amazing 2011 SLS.



Paul Hollingshead out for his first show and shine with his 2004 SL 500 R .



Gerry Woloshyn and his grandson, David, with his pristine 1992 500 SL.



A truly classic Mercedes-Benz 1964 190 D.



Gregory Lee's 1970 280 SL and Ian Steward's 1969 280 SL.



The Return to the Sea to Sky

MBCA BC Section Revives The Whistler Run

By Louis Fourie

When the Seattle Section hosted a LeMay tour, partly at the request of the BC Section, we were asked when we would revive the Whistler Run. A dozen years have passed since 9-11 largely stopped our traditional annual trip, which was always heavily subscribed by Americans. Joseph Anthony, also in Seattle, immediately volunteered to plan the route and its timing. Manfred Stenzel jumped at the chance to use his hospitality industry contacts to find accommodations.

Another tradition started by former Section President, Leigh Gayman, was the cocktail party held at our home on Friday evening for all participants. Once again Manfred, backed up by his wife Marie, bought all the food and relieved my wife and I from ensuring that there was plenty to eat. Enough was left over for a Saturday lunch at Whistler. Nestor Balcé of Mercedes-Benz Canada generously ensured all participants received a MB garment bag which a few ladies relished filling with items from Whistler shops.





The Return to the Sea to Sky (continued)

By Louis Fourie



ABOVE: Joseph Anthony and Louis Fourie look at SLS "amidships" engine location. T'was the Night Before Whistler at Louis' home.

RIGHT: Ian Gleadle "test fits" the SLS of Mirek Paletar.

We departed from the North Vancouver Mercedes-Benz dealer after having the treat of seeing the new CLA before its official release. We had a foggy drive out to Horseshoe Bay and through Whytecliffe Park before joining the twisty Whistler drive north. Due to some unforeseen road works, we suffered the indignity of some off-roading. Sorry folks. As we gained elevation the fog was left behind revealing sunny skies.





The Return to the Sea to Sky (continued)

By Louis Fourie

Because Joseph was unable to attend, my 230SL led the group. This left me oblivious of the chaos I left behind when not stopping at the agreed gas station. We also lost a few followers when trying to find a vantage point to look down upon Whistler Village. By the time we found the spot we were looking for, it was time to enter the Olympic Plaza for our Show and Shine. Sean Clark, who has gladly taken in the title of “cat herder”, was left to round up any stragglers and shepherd them in the right direction.



In total we had nineteen and a half cars along for the run. Nine were from Washington, one from Vancouver Island and the remainder from Vancouver. Ian Gleadle's 1962 190SL was the oldest car in the run and easily won the people's choice award, followed by my 230SL which was second oldest. Fortunately the old gals ran like clockwork. The same cannot be said of the “half” car, possibly the most desirable, a gullwinged SLS owned by Mirek Paletar. Maybe this beauty took a dim view of not being able to strut her stuff and stretch her legs, so decided to toss a belt in frustration. She got a piggyback ride to Vancouver hopefully on the tab of Mercedes-Benz's warranty.

Thank you to all who attended and to the team that helped make it all fun:

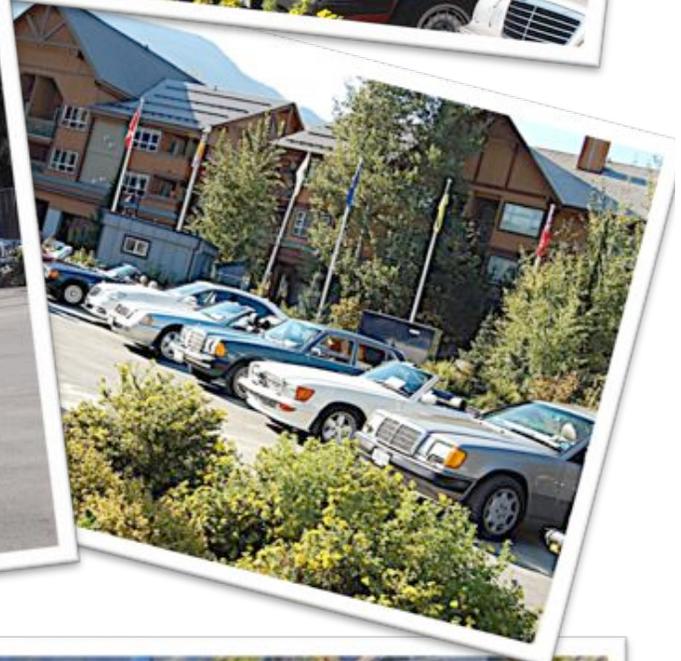
- Joseph Anthony (chocolates and route guide)
- Tony Millikin (decals and photography)
- Bruce Woloshyn (dash plaques)
- Mark Block (BC Lions prize tickets)
- Cat herder Sean Clark
- and my wife for our Friday bash

But a special thanks are owed to Manfred and Marie Stenzel who organized the Pinnacle Hotels, the Olympic Plaza site, the Saturday restaurant and what we ate on Friday and Saturday lunch. For those of you who missed out, we need to do it all again next year.



2013 Whistler Run Photo Album

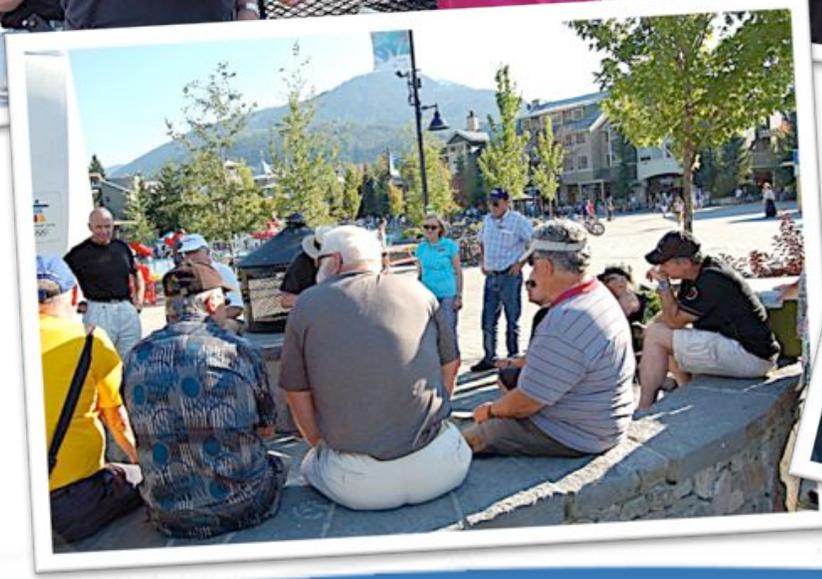
Images by Tony Milikin, Sean Clark and Ian Geadle





2013 Whistler Run Photo Album

Good Cars - Good People - Good Times





We Want to Hear from You

If you have a story that you would like to share with fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts, we want to hear from you.

If you have a story about:

- How you first became interested in Mercedes.
- The purchase or restoration of your Mercedes.
- A special trip or adventure you had while driving yours or someone else's Mercedes.
- A drive or route (either in the Pacific Northwest or elsewhere) that you would like to share with others who love to drive.
- A particularly good (or bad) experience you had while looking for parts or having work performed on your Mercedes.

Or, if you just want to share some photos of your Mercedes with fellow enthusiasts of the brand, we are certainly interested in hearing your story and sharing it through the MBCA BC Stars BC Benz Bulletin.

To contact me about sharing your story, or to submit ideas for the next edition of the BC Benz Bulletin, please email me at brucewoloshyn@telus.net

Looking Forward To Hearing From You,

Bruce Woloshyn



BC Stars Monthly Meetings

Held each month, the BC Stars meetings are a great time to catch up with fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts and talk about everything MB.

The monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the White Spot Restaurant (<https://www.whitespot.ca/>) in Vancouver at 1616 West Georgia Street (Georgia at Cardero).

All Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts are welcome to attend, even if you are not a current MBCA member.

Whether you drive a new Mercedes-Benz as your daily driver, or you have an older collector's model that only comes out for fun during these summer months, you are more than welcome to attend the monthly meetings and talk MB.

For more information, please contact either Louis Fourie (L4ie@telus.net) or Sean Clark (elsidca@yahoo.com) for further details.

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- W126 560SEL and W126 420SEL.
- W124 E320 Sedan with only 68,000 km and W124 E320 Coupe.
- 1964 "Fintale" Restoration nearly complete.

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For Sale - 1969 280 SL



This is the personal car of Mirek Paletar of German Star Motors in Port Coquitlam. He has owned it for ten years. It has zero miles on a complete body and mechanical restoration. The detailing is amazing. It is 99.99% completed. A brand new car! For those who want a 'correct' restoration and everything 'done', this is a great example of a Pagoda!

Contact - Mirek Paletar

German Star Motors, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia - (604) 944-5992

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