

MBCA BC Stars

 BC Benz Bulletin 

*And it all started
from this . . .*



A Winter Wonderland and Waiting for Spring

Welcome to the 2014 Winter Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. The winter months may have many members' collector cars hibernating as they wait for spring, but that doesn't mean that the club goes into hibernation too. This issue of the Bulletin is full of not only the club events that bring us together through the winter months, but of special features from club members as we all wait for the warmer weather and dream of cruising with the top down. A special feature in this issue has long time Mercedes enthusiast, David Godwin, sharing what he calls,

"A Childhood Addiction" with the silver star. From annual dinners to annual awards, I hope you enjoy this issue. For those of you with daily drivers, adjust for the weather and drive safely. For those of you with hibernating collector plates, I join you in waiting for the first signs of spring.

Waiting To Cruise With Joseph,
Bruce Woloshyn



Joseph Woloshyn looking forward to cruisin' season.



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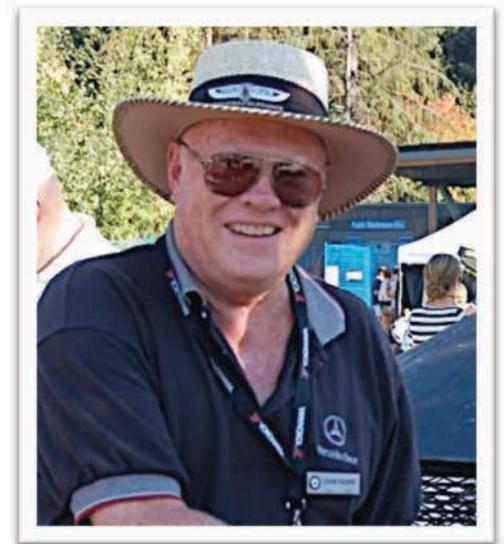


President's Message

Hello Enthusiasts,

Even though many of us have cars in hibernation, you have to agree this is one of the best winters we have had in BC, but I guess that is not true of our enthusiasts east of the Rockies. For the members in Calgary we are happy to report that two people have expressed a willingness to start beating the drums come spring. Now who can we prod in Edmonton?

Much happened this past year for our BC Section besides taking on the Prairie members. We revived our Whistler event after being dormant for a decade. Manfred Stenzel and Joseph Anthony made us proud, thank you. This event was largely at the urging of the Seattle Section who contributed a large contingent.



Our Labour Day event at Shipbuilders Square far exceeded our expectations, with Nestor Balcé sending out a broadcast to their Mercedes-Benz clients. As always we are grateful to Nestor and the support from Mercedes-Benz. We hope we reciprocate as brand ambassadors able to give their client base a new dimension in Benz ownership.

The expansion in numbers and activities has prompted us to recognize that we can no longer rely on only a few regular members to organize such events. We now will be forming a committee for each event and hope that members will step forward and be part of the team. It really is rewarding working as a team and seeing other members enjoying the activities we have organized.

We have already kicked off this year with our Annual Dinner, thanks to Gary Pullyblank. You will find a preliminary listing of further events to which we will expand. Note we have found activities all the way from Alaska through the BC interior out to Alberta and even in Washington. Start reserving time around these dates so you can attend.

Happy Benzing in 2014 - *Louis F. Fourie*





BC Section Annual Winter Dinner 2014

By Bruce Woloshyn

Always a bright spot during the winter months is the BC Section’s annual club dinner. Held on January the 24th, this year’s dinner took place in the festive setting of the Riverway Golf Club in Burnaby. Despite the fact we weren’t “playing cars”, it was a great opportunity to be together and enjoy each other’s company as we reminisced at the club events of the last year and began looking to the year ahead. To make sure that we were really able to look back at the last driving season, Tony Millikin put together a wonderful “look back” video that the members were able to enjoy on the big screen above the venue’s fireplace. Very special thanks need to go to long time club member, Gary Pullyblank, for making all of the arrangements for a wonderful evening for club members to get together to socialize, enjoy cocktails and a most excellent excellent meal.



Riverway Golf Club

2014 MBCA BC Stars Winter Dinner Menu

- Baby Organic Greens with House Dressing -
- Vegetable Medley with Garlic Butter -
- Herb Roasted Potatoes and Saffron Basmati Rice -
- Grilled Vegetable Penne Marinara -
- Ponzu Glazed Wild Sockeye Salmon -
- Shaved AAA Prime Rib -
- Chef's Selection of Assorted Desserts -
- Canterbury “Burnaby Blend” Organic Coffee and Premium Tea -





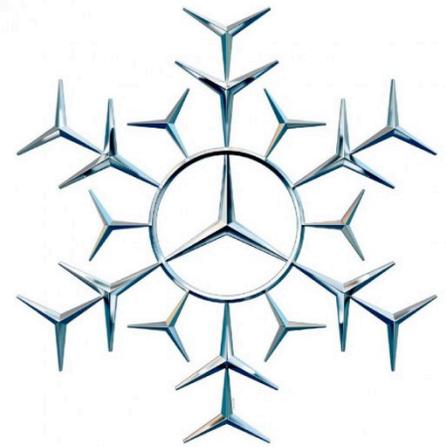
Annual Winter Dinner 2014 Photo Album





Winter Star Portraits

By Paul Browne



While club member's SLs are tucked away for the winter, Paul Browne sent in some photos to show his 2012 E Class Wagon is up to the frosty mornings on the west coast.





BC Section Awards 2013 Member of the Year

By Bruce Woloshyn

At the monthly BC Stars club meeting on March 4th in Vancouver, club president Louis Fourie presented long time club member, Manfred Stenzel, with the 2013 Member of the Year Award.

After presenting Manfred with his award, Louis remarked, *“It was a privilege and a pleasure to reward Manfred Stenzel as our 2013 Member of the Year. Manfred took on the task of finding accommodation in Whistler, which presented some interesting demands and then ensured we were all well fed both at the pre-event gathering, during the event and then at an ideal dinner venue. In addition, as MBCA had sent two certificates, Marie was also able to share in the celebration because both have worked as a team in expanding the horizons of our Section. This was a well-deserved award.”*

The member of the year award is an annual event. All active members are eligible, except Officers and Directors. Club members cast nominations for a person whom they feel is most deserving of recognition for his or her contributions to the BC Section during the course of the year.



Louis presents Manfred Stenzel with the BC Stars 2013 Member of the Year Award



BC Stars president, Louis Fourie, with Manfred and Marie as the membership celebrates their contributions to the club in 2013.



Mercedes: A Childhood Addiction

By David Godwin

Having the opportunity to have a detailed tour of the Mercedes-Benz passenger car factory as a teenager and a personal tour of the original post war museum has left a lasting impression. This led to a lifetime of owning many Mercedes-Benz cars in daily service and a hobby of collecting, and restoring Mercedes-Benz cars from almost every decade of the 20th century. This article and subsequent articles will walk through some of the highlights of this almost 60-year journey.



H.B. Godwin with sons, Charles and David (author).



The Godwin's and their tour guide, A Mercedes manager.
Note the stark surroundings of the museum.

As a teenager, my Dad, who was a senior officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), was stationed at the RCAF European Headquarters in Metz, France. I had the opportunity to live in France for three years. This was in the mid to late 1950's and Europe was still recovering from the Second World War. Materials were scarce; many commodities were rationed and there was extensive rebuilding to be done to recover from the massive destruction of the war. However, it gave me the opportunity to see and experience all of the European brands of automotive transportation including tracks, cars, motorcycles, scooters and mopeds.

Gasoline was still rationed and expensive. Fuel efficiency was high on everyone's list of requirements. The small Isettas and Messerschmitt cars, scooters and mopeds made sense. By contrast, America was experiencing an economic resurgence and we had the period of ostentation with massive chrome, size of vehicle and tail fins. North American industry was still intact and had been at new capacity to supply the war effort. Europe and in particular Britain and Germany's factories were in ruins

In order to get back in business, Mercedes-Benz sold slightly upgraded vehicles that were designed and built in the late 1930's. These were the model 170s that were built until the introduction of the pontons, which were a marked change in design from the previous era. New levels of safety, comfort and road handling were part of this new model line.



Mercedes: A Childhood Addiction (continued)

Up to this time, the RCAF imported vehicles from Canada for use in Europe. Although this had some simplicity, it posed problems for parts and using those big cars on the narrow roads was problematic. Fuel efficiency was also an issue. With this backdrop, the RCAF ordered a small fleet of Mercedes-Benz 220S for staff cars and other uses. Although the order was not large by industry standards, it was significant for the struggling car company. It also gave me the opportunity to observe closely the Canadian made Ford Monarch staff cars and the Mercedes vehicles. They were very different. There was really no comparison.

My younger brother and I got to accompany my Dad on a trip to Stuttgart, where a visit to the Mercedes factory and museum had been arranged.

Manufacturing of cars was very different in those days. I have had several factory tours but the first one was the most impressive. First, the tour was more extensive. We got to see the many detail operations as opposed to a tour today, which just focuses on a limited number of significant processes. From that first visit, I can still recall the attention to quality and hand detailed work.

We saw a large inventory of raw castings, which were being deliberately aged so that the metal had settled before the machining was done.

Body panels were hand welded and the seams were hand filled with lead. Every car was carefully inspected to ensure that the fit and finish was correct and there was hand touch up of paint in tiny crevices or behind accessories when required.

We saw the full range of pontons and the 300SL gullwings being assembled. Little did we realize the long-term significance of the 300SL. They were a fantasy then and still are today.

Many of you may have visited the current Museum, which I would designate as the third post war museum. Prior to the current spectacular building, there was a nearby special purpose built building which served as a museum. It was located within the factory compound and one would park outside and then be shuttled into the grounds via a secure bus. But prior to that, the collection was kept in an upper floor of an administrative building within the factory complex. The vehicles were more or less laid out in rows much like a parking lot. There was very little signage or other information at the time. However, one could get up close and personal with the cars. Many of the vehicles in the current collection were there in the original collection. As the war approached, the directors realized that their could be possible massive destruction and particularly of industrial areas. As a result, most vehicles were spread out across Europe in small towns so that they might survive the war.

Of special interest was one of the race cars of the mid 1950's. A sleek closed wheel W196. I had the privilege actually sitting where Stirling Moss and Juan Fangio had sat and won races for the company.

Mercedes: A Childhood Addiction (continued)

After this exciting day of seeing the luxury cars made with care and attention to every detail and an exposure to the history of the company, it was hard to appreciate any other manufacturer.

In 1960 my parents took delivery of a 220S from the factory. This was the newly announced W111 or Fintail as it is known. On special occasions, I was actually allowed to drive it. There was nothing like the secure feeling of driving that car. Even then, Mercedes had developed a safety crumple zone and they had installed lap and shoulder belts. It took the US until 1965 for front lap; front shoulder and rear lap belts in 1968; 3-point front in 1974 to be installed and compulsory wearing didn't occur until 1984

I was truly addicted by this point. What other vehicle offered the build quality and safety that these cars had?

My Mercedes ownership was delayed until after university. In the meantime, I drove a motorcycle and borrowed the family Mercedes for special occasions. At the age of 17, I did drive a Renault Dauphine from Montreal to Vancouver and back one summer. Although, that is a different story.

David Godwin is the former editor of the MBCA BC Section newsletter. David has had one or more Mercedes-Benz vehicles in his driveway since 1964, with the exception of only a few months. During the past 50 years, there have been a wide variety of models from the Baby Benz to the S Class. They have included new, used and collector vehicles.

I would like to thank David for taking the time to share his story with us. We look forward to more stories from David in future issues.

*Bruce Woloshyn
Editor
MBCA BC Benz Bulletin*



A young David Godwin keeping the seat warm for Stirling Moss and Juan Fangio.



Hagerty Spring Thaw Adventure



“How often does a historic vehicle event come along that is not only amazing fun for the participants but also great PR for the hobby? An event that promotes and celebrates the joy of owning historic vehicles while attracting others to the historic vehicle community by demonstrating exactly what these vehicles can do? And to top it off, an event that’s right here in British Columbia? The annual Hagerty Spring Thaw Adventure is just such an event.”

Billed as a budget-minded driving adventure through British Columbia for pre-1979 touring and sports cars (no trucks or motorcycles), the “Hagerty Spring Thaw Classic Car Adventure” kick-starts the BC classic car season April 25-27. Organized by Squamish Classic Car Adventures, this three-day, 1200-kilometer (750-mile) road trip has grown in popularity so quickly that there is a waiting list to join the field of 60 participants.

In past years, most drivers have come from Alberta, British Columbia, Oregon and Washington, but some have travelled much farther. John Calvin and his daughter Megan made the 2,000-mile round trip from Salt Lake City in a 1978 BMW 635 CSI Alpina, and another participant flew in from Florida, having had his car shipped to Seattle, and then drove to BC to participate in the event.

The Spring Thaw is not a race, but it’s still an adventure. For starters, the only information given prior to the event is the time and location of the starting point, and a detailed route book is distributed to drivers 15 minutes before the field departs on Day One. This year, the event starts in Squamish and concluded in Hope. Spring Thaw drivers come from all walks of life, but they share a passion for driving historic vehicles. This was clearly evident last year; among the amazing collection of vehicles that participated were a 1953 Aston Martin DB2, 1956 Porsche 356, two 1959 Alfa Romeos, a 1964 Porsche 356 Carrera 4-Cam and an array of “practical classic” marques such as BMW, Fiat, Lancia, Lotus, MG, Opel, Porsche, Saab, VW and Volvo, as well as at least five north American cars and a \$1 million Bentley Continental Coupe.

How to best describe the energy and fun of the Hagerty Spring Thaw Classic Car Adventure? First, try to imagine an annual reunion of some of your greatest car-nut friends. The vibe is welcoming and the adventure is exciting from the word go. Just pick a point on the map and drive. Are you getting the picture?

As the presenting sponsor, Hagerty Classic Car Insurance has secured the No. 2 door decal and is offering an opportunity to win a spot in the event. To enter in the free contest:

- Read and confirm that you understand and agree to the rules by [clicking here](#), then
- Submit a short story (between 300-500 words) telling us about your car and why you would like to participate in a classic car rally – this one in particular.

Entries should be emailed to springthaw@hagerty.com no later than midnight Pacific Standard Time April 5, 2014. For full details of the event visit www.classiccaradventures.com. To read the event organizers rules and guidelines, go to: <http://www.classiccaradventures.com/events/hagerty-spring-thaw-classic/event-info/>



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

- March 25th to 30th, 2014 Vancouver International Auto Show at the Vancouver Convention Center
- May 17th, 2014 All British Field Meet at Van Dusen Gardens, Oak & 37th Street, Vancouver
- June 15th, 2014 Italian and French Car Father's Day Show at Waterfront Park, North Vancouver
- June 15th, 2014 Kelowna Father's Day Show and Shine (contact 250-868-2593)
- June 15th, 2014 Vernon Father's Day Car Show (contact 250-260-3969)
<http://northokanagan.vccc.com/>
- June 20th to 22nd, 2014 Fairbanks Alaska Midnight Sun Cruise-In & Car Show
Wedgewood Resort & Fountainhead Museum, Fairbanks Alaska
- Jun 21st and 22nd, 2014 Vancouver Collector Car & Auction at the PNE Fairgrounds
www.VancouverCollectorCars.com
- June 22nd, 2014 German Car Festival, Waterfront Park, Waterfront Park, North Vancouver
- July 25th to 27th, 2014 MBCA BC Stars Leavenworth Trip, Washington Weekend
- August 30th, 2014 Crescent Beach Concours d'Elegance, Blackie Spit, White Rock, BC
- August 31st, 2014 MBCA BC Stars Show & Shine at Shipbuilder's Square, North Vancouver
<http://www.mbc.org/event-notice/2014-08-31/mbca-vancouver-chapters-2014-show-shine>
- September 20th and 21st, 2014 MBCA BC Stars Whistler Run
- October 13th, 2014 Sea to Sky Run by Classic Car Adventures, North Vancouver

Listing of Alberta Car Events

- Mar 12th to 16th, 2014 Calgary International Car Show, BMO Center, Stampede Park
- June 15th, 2014 Edmonton Father's Day Show - Church and 99th Street
- July 19th, 2014 Calgary European Classic Car Meet, Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary
- Every Saturday Morning Breakfast Gathering of Gearheads at Ambers Restaurant in the Ambassador Hotel
802 16th Avenue NE, Calgary Alberta
- Every Tuesday In Summer Euro Cars and Coffee, ES Corner, Safeway Parking Lot
34th Avenue SW & 22 Street SW Marda Loop, Calgary Alberta



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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BC Stars Trading Post



1962 Mercedes 220SE for Sale

The car was originally from Arizona. 4 speed, fuel injected, good running condition.
\$10,000.00 or best offer.

Contact Jeff at (604) 512-3685 or e-mail jlowe@rbs.ca



1987 Mercedes 560SL for Sale

171,000 km and asking \$15,000

Contact Mirko at (604) 861-1295 or email mgusic@harbourviewelectric.com

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BC Stars Trading Post (continued)



2005 Mercedes E320 CDI (Diesel) for Sale

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1994 Mercedes E320 W124 for Sale

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Contact Hady at (604) 464-5255

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New Mercedes-Benz Body Panels for Sale

Not after market reproductions. Front fenders for the 230SL, 250SL or 280SL W113 model from 1964 to 1971. Both left and right fenders with headlight buckets available. \$500.00 each. These cost almost \$2000.00 from the Classic Centre.

Rear quarter panels for 280 S or SE. W108 body \$500.00 each. Also very expensive from the Classic Centre. Pictures are available.

Contact David Godwin at dgodwin@telus.net or (604) 351-4812

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E-Class	\$750
E63 AMG	\$500
SLK-Class	\$750
SLK55 AMG	\$500
CLS-Class	\$1,000
CLS63 AMG	\$500
SL-Class	\$1,500
SL63/65 AMG	\$750
S-Class	\$1,500
S63/65 AMG	\$750
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