

MBCA BC Stars

BC Benz Bulletin

An Amazing Summer of Events for Everyone



A Simply Stellar Driving Season This Summer Packed With Events

Welcome to the 2015 Summer Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. In a word, WOW! This summer driving season in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island (where I did my summer cruisin') was outstanding for great weather. Sunny and hot, right up until the end of August. Perfect weather for cruisin' and this issue has a couple of different takes on that. Then, there were the Show & Shines. Too many to get to all of them, but we have some great coverage of the Regional Show & Shine hosted by the



BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn "playing cars" with his son, Joseph.

Seattle Section and our own annual Show & Shine at Shipbuilder's Square. Both of them, outstanding events. This issue also has some great DIY tips on dealing with those faded headlight covers and a look at our Section's first of, what I hope to be a frequent event, the BC Stars *Sunday Drive*. All that . . . oh, and the Whistler Run is just around the corner. Enjoy!

Living for Cruisin',
Bruce Woloshyn

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Summer President's Message



Dear Members and Enthusiasts,

The days are getting shorter as September rolls in and summer unwinds.

Even as our momentum carries us forward to the conclusion of the driving season, I look back at how much we have accomplished this year and how far we have come.

The success and popularity of our Classic Striders visit and the immensely popular German Car Festival still resonates. Fred and Elisabeth Smits enjoyed their stop over with us so much, that they

still write to tell us of their adventures and plans in Mexico. Most recently, they have written of their exploration of Aztec ruins and their intention to stay an additional year in the Americas.

Many of you pitched in to help at the German Car Festival charity event and many more brought your cars. This year, the German car clubs raised a sizeable sum for the Harvest Project of North Vancouver. That effort has not gone unnoticed. In the latest STAR Magazine (<http://www.mbca.org/star/september-october-2015>), MBCA President, Terry Kiwala, referred specifically to our Section's efforts as "a fine example" of MBCA Sections working behind the scenes to improve their communities.

You should all be proud of your involvement. I am proud of all of you.

The folks at the National Office are not the only ones to take interest. Many people drove a long way to make Joseph's Okanagan Wine Tour a great Regional Event.

In turn, a number of us drove down to Seattle in August for the MBCA Regional Show & Shine at the Nile Golf and Country Club - a huge gathering of 79 Members' cars! They were pleased to have us and, after our little presentation, there was much interest in our 2015 Whistler Run.

Closer to home, I really want to make mention of the great strides we have made in the presentation of our biggest annual event, the BC Stars Show & Shine at Shipbuilder's Square.

Tony Millikin and his crew really brought everything up to a whole new level. This year, Tony and his team arranged for several sponsors and presenters to keep attendees both interested and entertained. Tony worked with Nestor Balcé of the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Area Retail Group, to plan a first class program. We even had a Mercedes-Benz Hydrogen Fuel Cell car and Klaus Berger, the VP in charge of the project.



To top it off, we were very pleased to see our MBCA Regional Director, Barry Patchett, attend this year's event. Barry helped the Judges and personally handed out prizes and awards.

This year, we were also very grateful for the contributions of Matthew Peck. Just as many of us were beginning to grasp rudimentary social media, Matt propelled us forward, rather sharply, into the 21st century with a fully interactive event registration website, the brilliant graphics of his posters and, of course, his stunning video! Be sure to have a look: <https://youtu.be/nq40lsjR6yQ>

The volunteer setup crew and Club Ambassadors did a really professional job throughout - a fantastic team effort!

In my last President's Message, I was promoting an idea of a monthly Sunday Drive. I foresaw a regular local driving tour and a lunch, as a good way to bring members together, drive our cars, and share some good times . . . but most importantly - accessible to all.

I am pleased to say that four of our members, the Rutherfords and the Pullyblanks, took me up on it and launched our very first Sunday Drive on September 6th. By all accounts, it was a raging success. Did I mention that it involved wineries?

Stay tuned - even now, Marion is cooking up another Sunday Drive . . .

I am now looking forward to our final major event of the year, The Whistler Run. Manfred and Marie Stenzel, I like to call them "Team Stenzel", have been hard at work organizing this one. Joseph Anthony is readying one of his tremendous guidebooks. We are preparing for a full scale US "invasion" of this popular MBCA Regional Event.

I am immensely grateful for, and proud of, the enthusiastic and selfless contribution of our Officers and our Members at large.

Your dedication and professionalism, gives the MB Vancouver Area Retail Group, our loyal sponsor to whom we are so appreciative, a good reason to have confidence in us and be so generous. It is your initiative and hard work that make these events happen and it makes me honoured to be your Section President.

Victor Chan, our gifted photographer, has lent his talents throughout the year, to record our events and Bruce Woloshyn has put it all together to give us lasting memories in his beautiful newsletter.

Enjoy the fruits of your efforts.

Happy Motoring!

Sean Clark

President
BC Stars
MBCA British Columbia Section





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

- Sept. 19th & 20th, 2015 MBCA BC Stars 2015 Whistler Run
From North Vancouver to Whistler, British Columbia
For more information: <http://www.mbcavancouver.org>
- September 26th, 2015 Harvest Show & Shine - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Daimler Drive - West Kelowna, British Columbia
- September 27th, 2015 Snohomish Classic Car & Hot Rod Display
Snohomish, Washington
For more information:
<http://www.cityofsnohomish.com/default.cfm>
- Oct. 2nd & 3rd, 2015 Town Toyota Wings and Wheels Festival
East Wenatchee, Washington
For more information, contact Dan White: (509) 886-6108
- Oct. 10th & 11th, 2015 Sports Car Club of B.C. presents CACC Road Race #5
Mission Raceway Road Course - Mission, British Columbia
For more information: <http://www.sccbc.net/>
- October 11th, 2015 MBCA Seattle Safe Drivers - Safe Families Driving
Bremerton Motorsports Park - Port Orchard, Washington
Contact Tony Andrews at clk55tony@gmail.com
- December 26th, 2015 Vancouver Vintage Car Club Boxing Day Run
Vancouver, British Columbia
For more information: <http://vancouver.vccc.com/>

Listing of MBCA Events

For more upcoming MBCA Events wherever your travels take you, please check out the MBCA website:



<http://www.mbca.org/upcoming-events>





2015 Whistler Run



MBCA Vancouver is once again proud to host its popular “Whistler Run” that is taking place on September 18th, 19th and 20th, 2015. This fun-filled weekend begins with evening event on Friday and then a scenic Saturday drive up along the amazing Sea to Sky Highway from North Vancouver to Whistler Village, where we host a Show & Shine. Following a wonderful day of driving and meeting other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts, we then have our Saturday event dinner in Whistler Village.

2015 Whistler Run Event Itinerary

Friday, September 18th

6:00 PM Cocktails at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, located at 138 Victory Ship Way hosted by MBCA British Columbia president, Sean Clark, in the Mercedes-Benz Suite.

Saturday, September 19th

8:30 AM Meet in the parking lot across from the Mercedes-Benz Dealership at 1375 Marine Drive in North Vancouver next to Tim Horton's. Everyone will have a chance to “coffee up” and check out the new arrivals and toys at the MB parts counter.

9:00 AM Departing from the Mercedes-Benz Dealership and travelling west along Marine Drive to Horseshoe Bay, we will continue left and turn on to Highway 99. This is a scenic drive through residential areas, the waterfront and marina. We will then continue along Highway 99 to Squamish where we will turn right at the stoplight into Loggers Lane, which will take us directly to the Squamish Adventure Center at 38551 Loggers Lane. The Squamish Adventure Centre is the area's Tourism Center, here you can learn about the region and enjoy the coffee shop. There are washrooms and lots of parking.

10:30AM Depart from Squamish for Whistler.

12:00PM Arriving in Whistler/Blackcomb, we make a right turn off Highway 99 at the Blackcomb exit and proceed to the Upper Village, turning right onto Fairmont Whistler Drive Way and then turning right into the Base 1 parking lot. The gate will be open and all cars will be ushered into their parking spots for the Shown & Shine. A picnic lunch will be set up and ready to go at the Base 1 parking lot for the participants by 1:00 PM.

4:00 PM The Show & Shine concludes at Base 1 parking lot and all participants and cars will depart and check into the Pinnacle Hotel at 4319 Main Street in the Whistler Lower Village. The drive to the Pinnacle Hotel is going back along the same route as upon arrival, turning left at the first stoplights before the Highway 99 turnoff. The Pinnacle Hotel is just around the corner.

6:00 PM Everyone will gather for dinner at the Caramba Restaurant at 4314 Main Street, within a short walk from the Pinnacle Hotel. For participants that stay for dinner only, there is underground parking next door to the Pinnacle Hotel in the library parking lot.

Sunday, September 20th

There are no formal plans for Sunday, in order to allow participants to explore Whistler and decide their own departure times. However, consensus could be sought on Saturday afternoon for any group activities.

For additional information and updates on this year's MBCA Whistler Run event, please check our website

<http://www.mbcavancouver.org>
and follow us on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/mbcabstars>



Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier

North Vancouver, BC
Group ID# 117286
Reserve by August 19th
Phone: 1-877-986-7437
Email:

info@pinnacleatthepier.com

BOOK RESERVATIONS NOW

Pinnacle Hotel Whistler

Whistler, BC
Group ID# 65398
Reserve by August 10th
Phone: 1-888-999-8986
Email:

info@whistlerpinnacle.com

Email to Register at
mbcabexecutive@gmail.com





Safe Drivers - Safe Family Driving

Sunday, October 11th, 2015 - Port Orchard, Washington
By Tony Andrews



The MBCA Seattle Section hopes you can attend the Mercedes-Benz Club Safe Drivers - Safe Families program. This is an all ages driver education and driving school at Bremerton Motorsports Park in Port Orchard. Our training is designed to teach adapt driving at fairly low speeds to simulate a variety of highway driving situations. It gives the participant the opportunity to add alternative maneuvers to their driving

knowledge when an emergency situation occurs. It is knowing what your car can do for you - and what you can do with your car. Accidents happen in a split second. Adept driving may help drivers gain an extra second in reaction time in that emergency situation and that second may just save lives. In an emergency, every second counts.

In the morning, the class begins with a brief classroom instruction, where participants will learn proper seat and mirror adjustment, steering techniques, braking, foot position, tire patch theory and car dynamics. Then participants will drive through the various stations we have set up in a parking lot, with an instructor / coach at their side at all times. We will have them practice avoiding an obstacle in the road, proper hard braking technique and steering through slalom to feel the cars dynamics. They will also experience the feel and sounds of their ABS brakes. We will take them through several times until they feel confident or when we feel they have successfully completed the course.

Lunch Break - A small lunch and soft drinks will be included in the registration fee.

In the afternoon, we will re-design the course, making an AutoCross Lite. We basically connect the cones from the morning sessions so that there is a continuous flow through the course.





Safe Drivers - Safe Family Driving (continued)

Participants will be able to drive through this course (once with instructor) and review the skills they learned in the morning session. The object is to practice some of the techniques learned and to have fun driving through the course as quickly as possible without knocking down any of the cones. Sometimes we take people through a few times until they feel comfortable and then ask them if they want to be timed. There will be certificates and awards, but not necessarily only for the fastest!

Note, we want members and family members to bring the CAR THEY DRIVE EVERY DAY (it does not have to be a Mercedes-Benz). Especially students in the Young Driver Course, we want them to bring the vehicle they drive daily, not necessarily Mom and Dad’s car. Also note that many insurance companies will give a discount on your auto insurance for attending a qualifying driving course like this and the savings will be more than the cost of the driving school. Contact Tony Andrews at clk55tony@gmail.com or (503) 309-7392 with questions.

Cost: \$80.00 per participant, includes box lunch and drinks. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$14.00. Reservations and payment must be received by not later than September 30th, 2015 and spaces are limited to 40 participants.

Directions: Bremerton Motorsports Park is located at 7500 SW Old Clifton Rd, Port Orchard, WA 98367. (360) 710-8886. Take I-5 to Tacoma and exit on Hiway 16 over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. In 23 miles take the Tremont St exit toward SW Old Clifton road. Follow Tremont St/ SW Old Clifton road for 4.0 miles and take a left on Sunnyslope Rd SW. Take a right back onto SW Old Clifton road and the BMP is on your left in 1.4 miles.

Safe Drivers—Safe Families Driving School Registration
 ● 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday, October 11th, 2015 ●

Name (s) _____ Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
 Email Address: _____
 Number of Driving School participants _____ at \$80.00 each. Number of additional lunches at \$14: _____
 (Must have a valid driver’s license to participate) Total Enclosed: _____
 Make checks payable to MBCA Seattle Section. Please RSVP by September 30th.
 Mail to: MBCA c/o Tony Andrews, 1 Broadway South # 208, Tacoma, WA. 98402



MBCA Regional Show and Shine

By Marion Rutherford and Sean Clark

Photographs by Emmanuel Athans, Ian Gleadle and Sean Clark



The 2015 MBCA Pacific Northwest Regional Show & Shine had 77 Mercedes-Benz automobiles on display and 130+ participants.

Early Sunday morning, on the 9th of August, 2015, a small group of MBCA enthusiasts from the BC Stars Section headed South to Mountlake Terrace, Washington to attend the Seattle Section's Regional Show and Shine.

Marion Rutherford delighted in driving her 'new' Mercedes C280 Sport in a more than sprightly manner on the I-5. The President's 500E had a hard time keeping up. After stopping for a delicious breakfast in Mt. Vernon, the group continued on to the Nile Golf and Country Club where the car show was being held.

We were welcomed by seasoned organizer, Linda Gleadle, and entered the huge field of tents and cars in a beautiful setting. It was a perfect summer's

day. There was a wonderful assortment of 77 cars and their proud owners to talk to.

Don Rutherford was most interested to see a 220s sedan strikingly similar to his own. Seattle President, Jerry Cole, brought his elegant white fintail, "Miss Daisy", to add to the fine collection of older cars on display.

An interesting car was the 1955 SLR replica, built by Jan Pelroy. Powered by a Ford Capri 2.6 motor, it utilized a custom-built ladder frame.

On display from the local dealer, was a stunning, white, 2015 S Class Coupe, and an Electric B-Class.





MBCA Regional Show and Shine

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BC Stars members Don Rutherford, Gary Pullyblank and British Columbia Section President, Sean Clark.

One of the other highlights had to be the catered “picnic-style” lunch of salads and meats. After lunch, there were a number of very nice prizes for the participants.

Later in the afternoon, Bob Willits talked about the Seattle Club’s upcoming trip to the Columbia Gorge. It sounded fantastic. Perhaps some of us Canucks can go next time! Sean Clark then thanked the Organizers for inviting our Section and spoke about our (BC Stars) upcoming events.

Before stepping down, he presented a ceremonial Canadian gift of *Hawkins’ Cheesies* to a grateful Jerry Cole, and

invited him to Whistler for our BC Section’s annual Whistler Run.

We concluded our day with a leisurely drive along the Chuckanut Drive and a stop in Fairhaven for dinner. Many thanks to Jerry Cole, President of the Seattle section and to Linda Gleadle for a wonderful day.



Sean Clark with MBCA Seattle President, Jerry Cole, and former Seattle Section President, Ian Gleadle, with Sean’s 1992 500E.



2015 MBCA Regional Show and Shine Photo Gallery

Photographs by Emmanuel Athans, Ian Gleadle and Sean Clark





2015 MBCA Regional Show and Shine Photo Gallery (continued)





A Smart Summer Cruise

By Bruce Woloshyn



MBCA Vancouver Island Section member. Gerry Woloshyn, still has his son asking, “Can I borrow your car Dad?”.

The summer driving season is famous in British Columbia for “*cruisin’ the beach*”. From those slow Saturday night car shows as lines of beautiful machines slowly drive along the water, to the fun early morning drives by the sea for fresh coffee.

This summer, I had the opportunity to trade in my SL and drive along the water’s edge in something that was just plain fun. You see them everywhere on the streets in Vancouver as the mainstay for the Car 2 Go service (<http://vancouver.car2go.com/>) and the new electric version looked great at this year’s Vancouver International Auto Show. Yes, I’m talking about the smart Fortwo. The brand is smart, spelled officially with a small “s” and is a rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive, 2-seater, 2-door hatchback city car that is manufactured

and marketed by the smart division of Daimler AG.

My morning drive by the ocean in this sharp little red machine was courtesy of my Dad, Gerry. His 2005 model is not electric, but diesel powered. The car was truly fun to drive and, with its red and black color scheme, really has an eye-popping look. When new in the showroom, the 2005 model was available in three ascending levels of trim called Pure, Pulse and Passion (my Dad’s model is Passion). The standard and optional equipment for the 2005 coupe and cabriolet versions included air conditioning, compact disc player, power windows, remote keyless entry, rear wiper and a sunroof. Everything inside the car is full-size, but it’s externally that the smart’s dimensions dramatically diverge from a normal vehicle. Yes, it is very small.

The car is only 2,500 millimetres in length, 1,515 mm wide and 1,549 tall. In comparison, the Mini Cooper, formerly the smallest vehicle sold in North America, is 3,626 mm long, 1,688 mm wide and 1,408 mm tall.





A Smart Summer Cruise

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On the road, the 40-horsepower, 0.8-litre diesel engine had just the right amount of “pep”. The six-speed transmission (Softip is the manual and “automatic” version; Softouch is the manual only) does take some getting used to, and actually reminds me a little bit of the “automatic” transmissions that I used to use on some of the three-wheeled ATVs that I drove when I was growing up. Smooth, but different.

Gerry Woloshyn has a choice of Mercedes-Benz automobiles, but his clear favorite is his smart Fortwo. Sometimes, it’s still best to let Dad drive. ☺

For such a tiny car, it is actually fairly roomy inside. There’s decent room for two (both my Dad and I are 6+ feet tall and rode in it very comfortably), along with light jackets and a couple of bags if you were going to the gym (although, not big enough to take your hockey bags to the rink). It’ll also hold groceries for two, but not enough for the entire week.

In addition to the steel safety cell that forms the structural foundation of the smart, the car comes with a range of electronic aids, including anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control, traction control, hydraulic brake assist and electronic brake force distribution. All of the gauges and controls are well positioned and I really found everything very well thought out.

It was certainly a different experience for me as far as “going for a drive”, but one that I most certainly enjoyed. Of course, a lot of that had to do with the scenery . . . and the company.

The smart Fortwo may look like a fancy golf cart but it is sure a fun little car for “cruisin’ the beach”.

BC Benz Bulletin Factoid: The brand name Smart derives from its early history as a cooperative venture between Swatch and Mercedes: Swatch Mercedes ART.



Yellowed Headlight Covers Anyone?

By Marinus van Prattenburg



Many Mercedes-Benz and other makes of cars have headlights, which are covered with a clear plastic shield or cover. Over time, these covers will lose their clarity bit by bit due to the influence of the sun with its harmful rays. Finally, it comes to the point that the covers have a yellowish/light beige appearance. On some occasions, the surface of the cover feels a bit rough when stroking it gently your fingers. This not only looks ugly, it also lets less light through when the headlights are turned on, which infringes on safety while driving at night.

No matter how shiny and sparkling the paint on the car looks, these dull looking covers are a

real downer on your pride and joy. What to do about it? My 2006 SLK 350 had this problem. I say “had”, because I solved the problem to my full satisfaction and pride.

My headlight covers were to the point that they felt rather rough and looked quite yellowish too. I purchased a bottle with stuff that promised a glorious result with the least of effort. I read the instructions carefully and off to work I went. Well, after rubbing and rubbing until my fingers hurt, the roughness was almost gone. That was all.

Of course, I had the thought of purchasing a set of new headlights. That would solve the problem immediately. However, in my mind I saw my wallet opened up, noticing that lovely money draining out like mad. No, there must be a different solution.

I have experience in working with lacquer and paint surfaces. Wet sanding will take all impurities out of these surfaces, so why not on plastic or whatever scientific names these clear plastics are called? If I want the headlight to look as new and only new ones will solve the problem, then what is wrong with doing an experiment? I can't lose if things go wrong. Anyway, this was my philosophy.

First, I consulted the internet and discovered that the 3M Company sells a kit that consists of different grades of wet sandpaper and rubbing compound. This sounded very encouraging to me. Of course, sandpaper is the main tool to tackle this job. I had lots of different grades of wet sandpaper left from my pre-retirement period to do wet sanding with, and the storage cabinet in the garage had the different car waxes and cleaners, as well as some rubbing compound too. So, off to work I went . . .

I took an empty ice cream bucket as a container for wet sanding. Subsequently, a piece of 800 grit wet sandpaper and also a piece of 1,500 grit.

Yellowed Headlight Covers Anyone?

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On perfectly flat surfaces, it is better to use a sanding block around which the sandpaper is wrapped. Not so on rounded surfaces, as was the case on my SLK 350. If your headlight covers are not flat, just fold the sandpaper to a smaller size and let the softness of your hand and fingers follow the contour of the bubble-like shape of the headlight cover. Using a sanding block here, will certainly show ugly flat lines. You don't want to see this on the rounded shape of the plastic headlight cover.

I started wet sanding with the courser grit of 800 first. Immediately, I noticed that yellowish water was running off the plastic covers. Indeed, the sanding took off the ugly yellow color from the plastic. Soon the yellow colour stopped and clear water running down was noticed. This was the sign to stop. I cleaned off the cover and dried it with an old towel. I noticed still a few spots that needed some more attention, which I then sanded a bit more. Now the yellow was gone.

The cover wasn't bright at this point but rather dull. I expected this. Now it was time to sand with the fine grit of 1,500. Again, clear water residue was running off the cover. After drying it showed that I was almost there. The dullness was basically gone. Now, on to the rubbing compound.

I used Turtle Wax rubbing compound. It's bright white of colour and comes in a green squeeze bottle.



I have a commercial polisher that can run with variable speeds. This is the ultimate tool for the job. However, here I have to warn you; at this stage, one can mess up what has been carefully and successfully started. Polish with too high speed and the result will be disastrous. Too high speed will cause heat and this is something you don't want on plastic (or paint for that matter), because a sticky mess will be the result, which will spoil it all. I set the speed at 200 RPM. Perhaps it can take more, but why take a chance?

BC Benz Bulletin Factoid: Turtle Wax is the largest automotive appearance products company in the world and distributes its products in more than 90 countries. Turtle Wax was founded by Chicago entrepreneur, Benjamin Hirsch, in 1941.



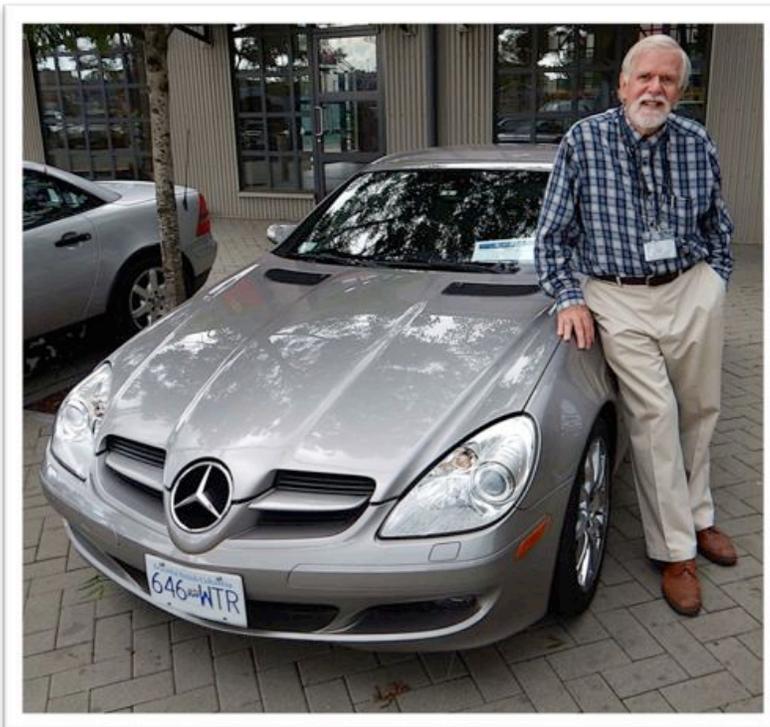
Yellowed Headlight Covers Anyone? (continued)

A foam-polishing pad will do far better than a fine wool or other fibre one. Fibre pads tend to leave very fine hairlines on the finish if not frequently rinsed out with water during the job. No water is required at this stage. One can put rubbing compound directly onto the headlight cover or a line crosswise onto the polishing pad. Don't lean hard on the polisher while polishing as to really 'rub it in'. Let the polisher do the work itself by its own weight or slight pressure on vertical surfaces. If you don't have a commercial polisher, any other power polisher will do or even a power drill with a polisher pad. The key is not to use too high of a speed. Start slow and see what the result is before speeding up the RPMs.

When polishing, it is advisable to use the polisher in a way that excess rubbing compound flies away from you rather than toward you, which will result in clothing being soiled with spatters of rubbing compound. Better do the job on the driveway, so you won't find spatters on the garage wall or on other parked cars either.

Clean the plastic cover now and then and carry on until you are satisfied. Wow . . . what a difference. What a sparkling shiny surface! No yellow and no dullness anymore. One would swear that the headlights came straight off the warehouse's shelf.

After just about half an hour of work, I took a few steps back and looked in awe to the both finished headlights. I felt as though I was a five star general overlooking the battlefield after defeating the enemy. What better feeling can one have?



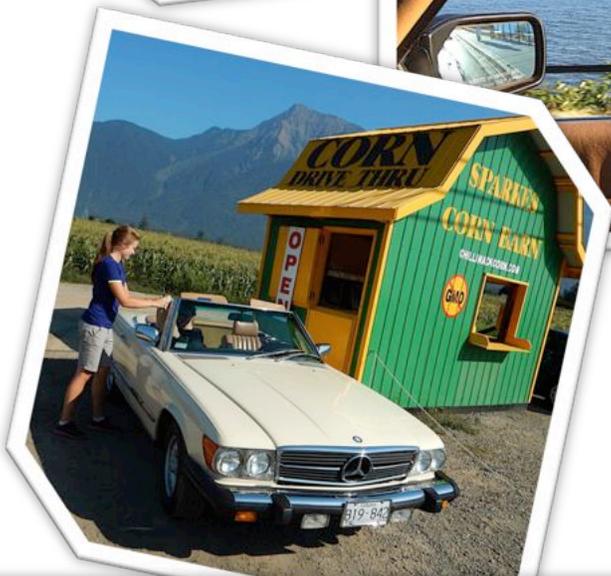
*BC Benz Bulletin Factoid:
Transparent plastic, especially polycarbonate (example: Lexan), tends to yellow because the UV wavelength breaks the long chain molecules into smaller segments. These products are generally non-transparent and, over time, tend to accumulate and discolor the plastic.*

Marinus van Prattenburg and his 2006 SLK 350 at this summer's BC Stars Show & Shine at Shipbuilder's Square in North Vancouver. And yes, those headlights look brand new. ☺



2015 Summer Cruisin' With My Dad

By Joseph Woloshyn



I love to go summer cruisin' with my Dad. We take our roadster all sorts of places. We cruise to the country, we cruise to the lake, we cruise to the A&W for fries . . . but my favorite is to *cruise da beach!* Sometimes, I even get to go cruisin' with my Grandpa in his roadster. We had lots of great cruises this summer. I can't wait until next year.☺



2015 BC Stars Show & Shine



By Sean Clark & Bruce Woloshyn

Photographs by Victor Chan, Matt Peck, Don Rutherford & Bruce Woloshyn

On Saturday, August 29th, the Lower Mainland and parts of Vancouver Island were hit with what has been called the most severe windstorm in a decade. And what did we do the very next day? Host our annual Mercedes-Benz Show & Shine Car Show!

Despite the storm the day before, this year's MBCA BC Stars Show & Shine, held at Shipbuilder's Square in North Vancouver, was an unqualified success. Stormy weather the previous day and brooding clouds on the Sunday morning of the show, failed to dampen the spirits and the optimism of neither the organizers, nor the attendees. A total of 45 Mercedes-Benz automobiles and an unprecedented complement of Sponsors and Presenters joined the BC Stars to make this a great event.

Along with the very generous help of Nestor Balcé and the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Area Retail Group, Show & Shine organizer, Tony Millikin, and his crew lined up quite a show. The Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Area Retail Group kindly displayed cars and donated many prizes, while the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy was on hand to give a presentation and to chat with the audience. We were very fortunate to have a visit from Klaus Berger, Vice President of the Mercedes-Benz Fuel Cell Division. Mr. Berger was kind enough to bring the Fuel Cell B-Klasse vehicle from their research

facility, as well as giving a fascinating chat on what Mercedes-Benz is doing to prepare for the future.

Our other sponsors all donated prizes, gave talks, and answered questions for our members and the public – very much enjoyed by all. Our members were pleased to see that MBCA Regional Director, Barry Patchett, made a special trip from his home on Vancouver Island, to attend our show and present awards and prizes. Barry Patchett presented organizer, Tony Millikin, an award of recognition for his exceptional job and Matthew Peck was recognized for his role in promoting the event.



2015 BC Stars Show & Shine

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The day started off with a gloomy sky, but then gave way to a sunnier afternoon and a wonderful day for the remainder of the successful annual event.

Our members did a magnificent job of set up, manning the stations and acting as Club Ambassadors. Barry was also on hand to award service pins to outstanding members and to assist with the judging of the vehicles in the various categories. There were numerous prize categories in addition to the People's Choice Awards. Barry presented the award for Best Original Unrestored Car, to Joseph Woloshyn (and his Dad) for his 1984 380SL roadster. The award for Best Restoration went to Ahmad Gandomi, for his 1960 190SL roadster. There were many exceptional cars this year. It was a great setting and a wonderful effort by everyone involved.



BC Stars, Linda Pullyblank and Marion Rutherford, tend to the event's registration table.



Manfred and Marie "Team Stenzel" ready to take inquiries for new members.



2015 BC Stars Show & Shine

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This year's annual event had a total of 45 Mercedes-Benz automobiles on display. Models from 1960 to 2015 lined the roadway area of Shipbuilder's Square on display for the general public. Storm or no storm, owners were determined to show their pride in their vehicles and the their affection for the marque.





2015 Show & Shine Vehicle Gallery

45 Mercedes-Benz vehicles were on display at this year's event, including these participants.



Hartmut Suelzer's 2013 SLK 55 AMG.



Henry Malloy's Beautiful SL500 AMG.



Peter De Witt brought his 1995 SL500 roadster.



With it's hardtop on, Nick Liem's 1988 560SL.



Joseph Woloshyn poses with his 1984 380SL roadster.



Gary Hawthorn standing with his 1975 280SL roadster.



Nazar Ostrozhynsky with his 2014 C350 next to Burrard Inlet.



Gabriel Debreczeni brought his 2005 E320 CDI.



BC Stars Past President, Charles Godwin's 2011 ML 350.



2015 Show & Shine Vehicle Gallery

More of the Mercedes-Benz vehicles that were on display at this year's annual event.



Victor Chan with his 1995 E320 sedan.



Paul Bambury's black-on-black 1982 380SEC Euro Coupe.



Yen-Hsen Liam displayed his 1987 2.3L 16-valve 190E.



Henneken Auto had a 2012 E550 on display.



Ted Urbanek brought his 1990 500SL AMG.



Marion Rutherford's 1998 C280 Sport . . . "The Betsy".



Manfred and Marie Stenzel's 1992 300CE Sedan.



Stephen Nemeth with his new 2015 C63.



Jason Palacios had his 1974 350SE sedan on display.



2015 Show & Shine: Who Did We See?



Klaus Berger, Vice President of Mercedes-Benz Fuel Cell Division stands next to his zero emission vehicle with (L to R) MBCA Northwest Regional Director, Barry Patchet, BC Stars President, Sean Clark and BC Stars Past Presidents, Charles Godwin and Louis Fourie.



Joseph Woloshyn gets behind the wheel of Don Rutherford's classic 1953 MB220.



Devon Kok from the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy with one of the school's instructional road cars.



Faye Wilson at the Continental Tire booth.



Event Organizer & M.C. Tony Millikin.



Edwin Halim and the team from True Sound Auto.



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2015 Show & Shine Snapshot Gallery





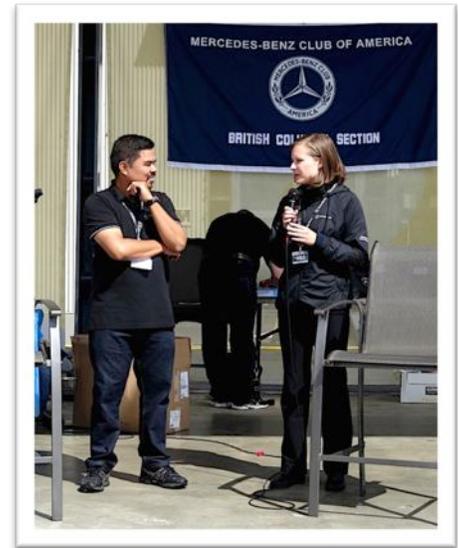
2015 BC Stars Show & Shine

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This year's event was so fortunate to have such a variety of sponsors and presenters. From presentations about tires and sound systems, to informative sessions from the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy for New Drivers and even a presentation from Klaus Berger, Vice President of the Mercedes-Benz Fuel Cell Division. This year's BC Stars Show & Shine had so much more than just looking at amazing cars and the club would like to extend our thanks to all of this years sponsors and presenters for their contributions.



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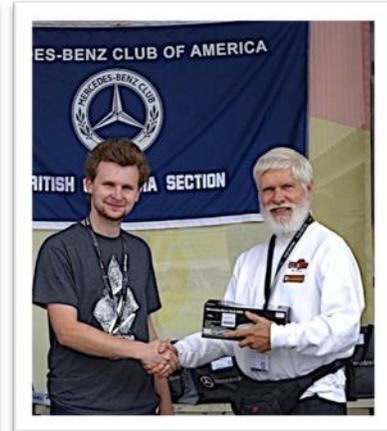
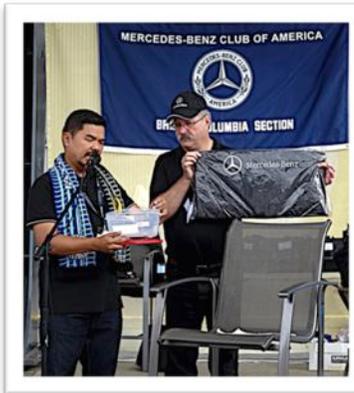




2015 BC Show and Shine Prizes



Once again, as with any automobile event where there are such exemplary examples of fine automotive craft (another way of saying that there are some pretty awesome cars), such feats of engineering excellence and stunning coachwork must be celebrated (another way of saying that awesome cars should be awarded awesome prizes). To that end, the BC Stars would like to thank all of this year's sponsors and, in particular, Nestor Balcé and the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Area Retail Group for the prizes for this year's event.





Campbell Valley Wine Tour



By Sean Clark and Bruce Woloshyn

Photographs by Sean Clark, Don Rutherford & Bruce Woloshyn



The weekend of September 6th, was the very first of our “Sunday Drive” events - and what a wonderful success it was!

It may have been late summer, but due to the recent stormy weather, felt like a sunny autumn day. We had nine cars and eighteen members turn out in total, for a leisurely day of scenic driving, wine tasting and socializing.

Organizers Don & Marion Rutherford greeted us in the morning at their lovely home in South Surrey. Co-hosts Gary & Linda Pullyblank were on hand with cakes and coffee for all participants.



Marion and Linda, in Marion’s pearl white C280 Sport (affectionately known as “*The Betsy*”), then led us on an unhurried drive through rural Surrey and Langley to several local vineyards. They included Chaberton Estate Winery, Vista d’Oro, and Backyard Vineyards. At these hidden away places, we enjoyed some delicious wines and tours through the vineyards themselves.



The lawn of the Rutherford’s home became a display of fine Mercedes-Benz automobiles (aka - a parking lot).



Sunday Drive: Campbell Valley Wine Tour

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Our first stop on our Sunday drive was the lovely rural setting of the Chaberton Estate Winery (<http://www.chabertonwinery.com/>) in South Langley. Chaberton Winery and the Bacchus Bistro are truly a unique experience to visit. They offer daily tastings in their boutique tasting room, winery tours and exquisite dining with authentic French cuisine in the Zagat rated "Excellent" Bacchus Bistro over looking the 55 - acre vineyard. In the tasting room, you can enjoy tasting varietal wines from their full selection of 100% BC VQA red and white wines made from grapes grown in their Fraser Valley vineyard and specially selected vineyards from the South Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. Our hosts, Carrie and Nefer took great care to give us the

detailed history of the winery and go over the details of the various wines we tasted.





Sunday Drive: Campbell Valley Wine Tour

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Our next stop, was the amazing Vista d'Oro Farm & Winery (<http://www.vistadoro.com/>), also located in South Langley. The ten-acre Vista d'Oro property is, simply put, a beautiful setting unto itself. Vista D'oro Farms & Winery grows heritage orchard fruits and vinifera grapes, all of which can be found in the Farmgate Shop & Tasting Room in some form – whether it's their flagship D'oro - fortified walnut Wine, a Orchard Pear & Vanilla Preserve or a simple pot of fresh Lemon Verbena. The property also is home to their Preservatory, where their seasonal Artisanal Preserves and Picnic Menus are created. Andrea and Jeanette were so welcoming to our group and not only did they host our wine

tasting, but took us on an interesting walk-through of their all-organic vineyard. We posed there for pictures and Don's 1953 220s stole the show during a local wedding shoot.





Sunday Drive: Campbell Valley Wine Tour

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Finally, our Sunday journey brought us to Backyard Vineyards (<http://www.backyardvineyards.ca/>). A newer and more contemporary setting, Backyard Vineyards opened for business in the Fraser Valley in 2009. In that short time, they have been recognized for their wines both locally and internationally, winning over 50 medals for their reds, whites and their bubble. Our wonderful hostess, Norma, took great care in giving us the background of the wines we tasted, while the group alternated between spending time in the modern tasting room and the outside deck. A great way to end our tour of the three local wineries.



Back at the Rutherford ranch . . . Don grilled up some great burgers and we all ate a bit too much of the wonderful salads and desserts while sipping . . . what else . . . wine!

We raise a glass to Don & Marion Rutherford and Gary & Linda Pullyblank for a job well done. A great time with gracious hospitality that was enjoyed by all. We're sure that all of us who attended look forward to our next Sunday Drive.





We Want to Hear from You

Just like Marinus van Prattenburg and Joseph Woloshyn did, if you have a story or photographs that you would like to share with fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts, then 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 BC Stars President, Sean Clark (mbcabcexecutive@gmail.com) for further details.

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BC Stars Trading Post



1972 Mercedes-Benz 350SL for Sale

Current average retail NADA valuation on this make and model of SL is:

- #1 Car \$29,400.00 USD
- #2 Car \$19,700.00 USD
- #3 Car \$10,250.00 USD

This 1972 350SL is a solid #2 car and an excellent driver that has never been winter driven and kept in a Carcoon Veloce during the summer months. Well serviced and maintained.

Open to offers.

We are also looking for a late-ish model Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited.

Contact Nigel Lamb - nigel@TWINANCHORS.com

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BC Stars Trading Post



1992 Mercedes-Benz 300SL for Sale

Current average retail NADA valuation on this make and model of SL is:

- High Retail \$22,700.00 USD
- Average Retail \$12,870.00 USD
- Low Retail \$8,222.00 USD

With just under 214,000 KM on the odometer, this 300SL would be rated in the Average Retail category. New convertible top installed this year and its complete service history is available. Open to offers.

Contact Nigel Lamb - nigel@TWINANCHORS.com

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