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MBCA BC Stars

 BC Benz Bulletin 

As fall colors turn to white and we end 2016!

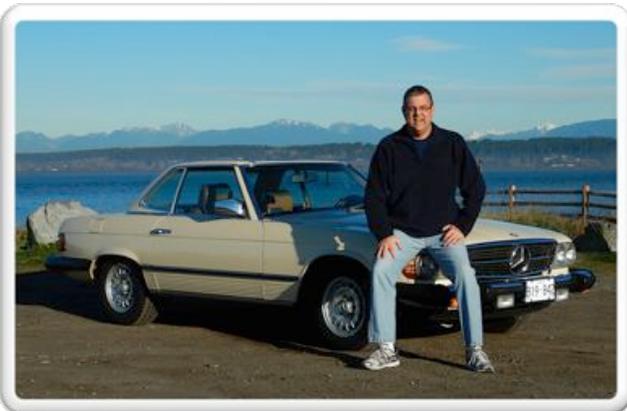


Thank You for the Privilege

Welcome to the 2016 Fall and Winter Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. This will be the last edition of our club newsletter with me at the editor's desk. As with all things in life, the only constant is change. As we change from 2016 to 2017, it is time for me to step aside and leave the club executive and this fine publication that former editor, Louis Fourie, turned over to me some three years ago. I certainly appreciate the trust that both Louis, as former editor and past club president, and current club president, Sean Clark, have shown me during my tenure as editor. I also appreciate all of the support from our club executive and our membership with my learning

how to do this 'newsletter thing'. It has been a wonderful experience and I owe a debt of gratitude to all of the contributors from these last three years. And finally to the readership, thank you for the privilege.

See You On The Road,
Bruce Woloshyn



BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, ready to spend a little less time at his computer and a bit more time behind the wheel.

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Fall & Winter President's Message



*"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes -- and ships -- and sealing-wax --
Of cabbages -- and kings --
And why the sea is boiling hot --
And whether pigs have wings."*

Excerpt from: **The Walrus and The Carpenter**

Lewis Carroll (from *Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There*, 1872)

Dear Members and Enthusiasts,

The time has come . . . to talk of many things.

2016 draws to a close and so does, perhaps, our most successful season in recent years. As we look back in this newsletter, at the fanciful and the fun of our Club activities and our shared experiences, it is not a little ironic that this is the last publication by our esteemed Section Newsletter Editor, Bruce Woloshyn.

For the past three years, Bruce has spectacularly showcased our events and our Members in these pages. Bruce's own passion led to an inspiring and award-winning venue for our BC Section Members and Contributors to proudly show the Mercedes community our 'stuff'.

In January of 2016, I was honoured, along with MBCA Regional Director, Barry Patchett, to present to Bruce, the 2015 "Shining Star" MBCA Communications Award, for First Place for a Print Newsletter to celebrate his efforts.

Sean Clark (left), Bruce Woloshyn (centre) and Barry Patchett (right) at Seasons In the Park as Bruce is presented with his "Shining Star" Award.





A bit later in 2016, Bruce was awarded a Silver Medal from the International Automotive Media Competition, for the very same BC BENZ BULLETIN issue.

It has been my honour and my pleasure to work with Bruce and call him my friend. He may be stepping down from his role of Newsletter Editor, but he has reassured me that he will still be attending events with his sons, David and Joseph. And he will still be delighting us all with his very gracious presence oh, and Joseph's 380SL!

A hearty 'Thank You' to someone who has brought us so much.

As we wrap up 2016, there are a few more 'things' . . .

I mentioned many of the accomplishments of our Section, in my last President's Message, in October.

Truly, a stellar year, and an impressive contribution by all of our Members to show the Club in its best light. From the selfless teamwork and hospitality of our public showings, to the innovation and initiative behind the scenes, our Members make us look great!

My thanks go to our loyal, supportive, and generous partners, the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group, and especially Nestor Balcé. They not only inspire us, but also give us the credibility and confidence to be true ambassadors of the Mercedes marque, and the priceless MB heritage of classic cars.

Most recently, we were invited to participate in an exclusive Members-only seminar and demonstration day, showcasing the latest Mercedes-Benz innovations in design and driving safety. A true privilege.

As we go forward into the New Year, I look forward to strengthening this partnership, and working closely for the mutual benefit of Mercedes-Benz and the MBCA BC Stars.

This year already marked a much closer cooperation with the MB VRG Marketing Team. Matthew Peck has worked to optimize our online graphics and promotions, as well as implementing a very polished on-line registration tool for our events. This worked very well for the spectacularly successful 2016 Show & Shine, this past August - what a great leap forward for the Club.



Now, as we move into 2017, Matt has very recently launched his www.bcstars.ca "Dynamic Website" that will promote, celebrate and inform both our Members and the Public at large about our current and upcoming activities. This has now been complemented with a link between it and our more formal MBCA Section webpage. Well done, Matt!

There is much to look forward to in 2017. Joseph Anthony will be convening our new Newsletter staff as we kick off the New Year, and our Calendar of Events is already shaping up nicely.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas Holiday, and great motoring season in the New Year, as we look through the 'Looking Glass' to 2017

Happy Motoring,

Sean Clark



President
BC Stars
MBCA British Columbia Section



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

- January 14th, 2017 MBCA BC Stars Annual Awards Dinner
La Terrazza Restaurant (<http://laterrazza.ca/>)
Vancouver, British Columbia
For more information: www.bcstars.ca and www.bcstars.mbc.org
- April 1st, 2017 MBCA Portland Swap Meet
Hosted by the Portland Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Chehalis Fairgrounds
For more information: <https://portland.mbc.org/section-upcoming-events>
- May 20th to 22nd, 2017 MBCA BC Stars North Okanagan Wine Tour
This event is in the planning stages with information to be posted as it becomes available at: www.bcstars.ca and www.bcstars.mbc.org
- June 6th to 14th, 2017 Vintage Car Club of Canada “Annual Tour”
This nine-day driving tour takes the place of the club’s traditional May Tour in 2017 and is in recognition of Canada’s 150th birthday.
For more information: <http://www.vccc.com/2017-annual-tour/>
- June 25th, 2017 16th Annual German Car Festival at Waterfront Park
North Vancouver, British Columbia
Hosted by the BMW, Mercedes (BC Stars), Porsche & Audi Clubs of BC
For more information:
<https://bmwccbc.org/event/16th-annual-german-car-festival/>
- August 22nd, 2017 BC Stars Shipbuilder’s Square Show & Shine
North Vancouver, British Columbia
For more information: www.bcstars.ca and www.bcstars.mbc.org

Listing of MBCA Events

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



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





BC Stars New Web Site



MBCA BC Stars | New and Enhanced Web Presence at www.bcstars.ca

Welcome to a new experience on the web for the BC Stars. This new site, www.bcstars.ca, is designed to further promote, celebrate and inform our members and all automotive enthusiasts about our current and upcoming activities.

More Than a Car Club | We're a Community

Simply stated, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, or MBCA, is a community of people with a passion for Mercedes-Benz - one of the most revered luxury vehicles in the world. Our worldwide community is comprised of men, women and young adults living

in the United States, Canada and 22 foreign countries from Argentina and Brazil to New Zealand and Norway.

Since 1956, the MBCA has introduced tens of thousands of Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts to a network that shares a common enthusiasm for an uncommon automobile. This new web site is a further extension of this idea.

Come Explore Our Community

You'll find discussions and forums for just about every interest group - Women on Wheels, Young Guns, Gullwing, SLS, AMG and more. If it's about driving, maintaining, servicing, test-driving, racing, restoring, displaying or buying a Mercedes-Benz, it's here. We hope you enjoy the ride that this new site is meant to enhance.





MBCA BC Stars Event Report Exclusive Cars and Coffee



By Sean Clark

Photos by Victor Chan, Matthew Peck, Sean Clark and Nestor Balc 



MBCA Exclusive “Cars and Coffee”, one of the ‘perks’ of MBCA Membership! The BC Section’s Matthew Peck, worked with Mercedes-Benz, to organize a seminar on the latest Mercedes Driving Aid technology trending towards Autonomous Drive cars of the near future.

Nestor Balc  of the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group invited BC Stars Members for an exclusive tutorial, overview and a test drive of the latest SL63, E-Class, and C450 cars, demonstrating those

Getting things started on Saturday, November 12th at the exclusive Cars and Coffee in the conference room at Mercedes-Benz Boundary.

features. Instructors, Jim and Rod, from the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy greeted 25 of us in the Conference Room of the Mercedes “Boundary” dealership in Vancouver.

Settling in with coffee and muffins, we enjoyed a presentation of the latest driving aids and safety features of the current Mercedes offerings. Distronic Plus, Active Lane Keeping Assist, Adaptive High Beam Assist, Night View Assist, Active Blind Spot Assist, Cross Traffic Assist, 360 degree Camera . . . they are all integrated now into an Intelligent Drive package. The latest Mercedes-Benz E-Class can not only detect a disabled driver, but change multiple lanes and bring the car to a safe stop.





Exclusive Cars and Coffee (continued)



We were told that the new, connected, information-sharing Mercedes-Benz cars are already poised for the next step in autonomous driving - what a fascinating insight into the future of motoring! Certainly, it generated lots of animated 'car talk', but there was also a great buzz of anticipation, as we lined up for our chance to try out some of these features on the road, in a new Mercedes. I know at least one of us found her dream car that day.

From left to right: Nestor Balcé of the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group, Rod Matthews and Jim Buerk of the Mercedes-Benz Driving Academy, and club members, Matthew Peck, Sean Clark and Tony Millikin of the MBCA BC Stars.

It was a real privilege, as MBCA Members, to be invited to this unique showing. As Mercedes fans, we cannot only speak with authority about the new features,

but we also can't help but express our enthusiasm for the cars. Many thanks to our hosts, Nestor, Rod, and Jim, and to all of those who participated in this special event.



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The Harvest Project Recognizes The German Car Festival



On Thursday, November 24th, 2016, Rod Meares of the BMW Car Club of British Columbia attended a donor appreciation event at the Harvest Project. A wall with plaques naming their major donors was unveiled and Rod was given a plaque thanking the German Car Festival for our donation. Rod commented, *"They are certainly very appreciative of the donation from the four car clubs."*



The Harvest Project is a local charity on Vancouver's North Shore. With rising food costs and skyrocketing rents, never has the need been greater. According to their own website, the Harvest Project is: *"Reaching out to individuals and families on Metro-Vancouver's North Shore challenged by family break-down, illness, job loss and poverty Providing client-care coaching + counsel, grocery + clothing support, emergency drop-in help, Clothes For Change thrift shop Impacting the community by breaking the poverty cycle and restoring people to participation in work, school and a healthier family life."*

Earlier this year, Rod Meares of the BMW Club and Louis Fourie of the MBCA BC Stars presented the Harvest Project's Kevin Lee, with a cheque for \$2,282. That was a healthy increase from 2015's \$1,846. Thanks to a bit of friendly competition between the four car clubs, the 2016 food donations were also up.

For more information on the Harvest Project, visit them at: <http://www.harvestproject.org/>



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Mercedes-Benz Makes Its Mark Off the Beaten Path AJAC 2017 Car of the Year Awards



TORONTO, ON (December 6th, 2016) – Mercedes-Benz Canada is pleased to report that the GLC 300 4MATIC luxury midsize SUV has earned top honours at the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) 2017 Canadian Car of the Year Awards, in the Best New Premium Utility Vehicle segment. The other two Mercedes-Benz vehicles that were entered into the competition, the Mercedes-AMG C 63 S Coupe and the Mercedes-Benz E 300 4MATIC Sedan, both qualified in the top three of their respective categories.

The win qualifies the GLC 300 4MATIC for the last stage of the competition, which will determine the Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year. The final decision will be announced in February 2017 at the Canadian International

Auto Show in Toronto. The best-selling GLC and its previous iteration, the GLK, have been very popular with consumers and journalists alike. In the 2014 competition, the Mercedes-Benz GLK 250 BlueTEC 4MATIC came in second in the Best New SUV/CUV (\$35,000 - \$60,000) category.

Category winners were decided at the annual AJAC Canadian Car of the Year TestFest event by a highly regarded group of Canadian automotive journalists. In October, they gathered at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Clarington, Ontario, to undertake a four-day test drive with the goal of evaluating brand new or significantly changed models. TestFest’s rigorous testing program included real-world driving on public roads, a closed race track, and an off-road course. All of the journalists undertook back-to-back drives within their assigned categories, on the same day and under the same conditions, in order to ensure the most fair and objective comparisons possible.

“We could not be happier that one of our most popular vehicles has gotten the kind of recognition it deserves with this win in the Best New Premium Utility Vehicle segment at the Canadian Car of the Year Awards,” said Brian D. Fulton, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Canada. “The light truck market is growing increasingly important for manufacturers, which only makes this win for the GLC 300 4MATIC even sweeter. I would like to thank the AJAC journalists who participated in this worthy competition for affirming our commitment to providing best-in-class vehicles.”

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MERCEDES-AMG GT R KNACKT SPORT AUTO-REKORD

7:11 Minuten auf der Nürburgring-Nordschleife

For the AMG enthusiasts, Mercedes-Benz has just reached a milestone as we prepare for the AMG's 50th birthday in 2017.

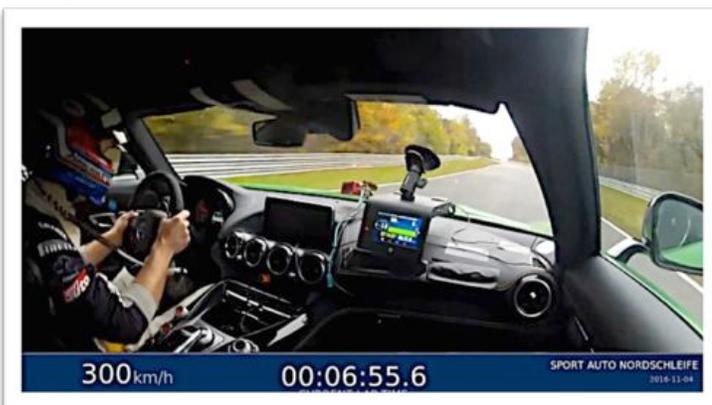
A German Car magazine (Auto Motor und Sport) has just completed an independent record-breaking run with the AMG-GTR on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife track. The 585 hp and rear-wheel drive beats the Porsche Spyder 887 hp and all-wheel drive. The Mercedes-AMG GT R is the new sports car Record Holder on the Nürburgring Nordschleife, setting a record of 7:11 minutes for a full round on the "Ring."

Watch the Video: www.auto-motor-und-sport.de/video/mercedes-amg-gt-r-11611042

The Conclusion: Mercedes-AMG GT R faster than the Porsche 918 Spyder

- ✓ In the test by sport auto magazine, a lap of 7:11 minutes was measured in the "Green Hell", making the GT R two seconds faster than the Porsche.
- ✓ That is the fastest time ever recorded for a production vehicle approved for road use in a sport auto test.
- ✓ Porsche itself declared a lap time of 6:57 minutes (not independently / officially verified), but the best time recorded in public by the sport auto test was 7:13 minutes for the Spyder.
- ✓ This makes the Mercedes-AMG GT R *the fastest serial-produced car approved for road use the circuit has ever seen.*

Congratulations to Mercedes-AMG !



For more information about Mercedes-Benz AMG, check out the official AMG web site:

<https://www.mercedes-amg.com/home.php?lang=eng>



Mercedes-Benz Continues to Lead the Way Will Roll Out An EQ Model Each Year



By Brad Anderson



Although the first model from Mercedes-Benz’s EQ sub-brand won’t hit the market until 2019, the German company intends on following it up with a new electric model every year.

Speaking with *Car and Driver*, Mercedes-Benz vice president of sales and product management, Matthias Luhrs, said that the brand will ultimately accommodate a full family of models though, interestingly, not all will share the same underpinnings.

Instead, Luhrs says, some will share their platforms with existing ICE Mercedes-Benz models. However, beyond all being completely electric, the models will share

interior and exterior styling unique to the EQ brand.

All up, Luhrs says that the brand plans on having 10 all-electric vehicles in its range in the next “eight or nine years”.

With such a large range of EVs planned, Mercedes-Benz will also have to work out a charging solution available around the world to keep the models on the road. At this stage, the brand is refusing to speak about what it is working on but according to Luhrs, it could involve a collaboration with another firm.

“Obviously, in this industry, everyone, including Tesla, is still learning, and so everybody is still talking to everybody. It’s too early to say that this has already been decided and we’re only talking to this supplier or that,” he said.



To find out more about Mercedes-Benz EQ - Electric Intelligence
The new brand for electric mobility.

Visit the official web site:

www.daimler.com/innovation/specials/electric-mobility/eq



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More than just an automobile . . .

In 1886, a gasoline-powered bicycle would change the world as an all new industry was born. This new industry would evoke a passion in many that would live far beyond what either Carl Benz or Gottlieb Daimler ever imagined.



A New Club Executive and A New Look for 2013 to the BC Benz Bulletin

Hello MB enthusiasts and welcome to the 2013 Spring Edition of the BC Benz Bulletin. Things have been changing this year at the MBCA BC Section, and the BC Benz Bulletin is no different. As you will read in the president's message, Louis has passed the newsletter baton to me as he now assumes the role of section president as our past president, Charles Godwin, steps aside. This is already shaping up to be a busy year for the club and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to come out and, as my son puts it, "play cars". And, of course, please be sure to let me know if there are things you'd like to see included in this new version of the Bulletin. I certainly want to do my best to make sure that our section's publication is something that works well for all of us.

Off and Running - Bruce Woloshyn

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More than just an automobile . . .
And her name . . . Mercedes . . .



Summer Is Here and the Wheels Are Turning

Greetings to my fellow MB enthusiasts and welcome to the 2013 Summer Edition of the BC Benz Bulletin. For many members of our MBCA BC Section, myself included, summer is the best time of year to celebrate the marque and get out to do some real driving. From planned extended road trips, to cruising the beach, to attending the next automotive event, summer is when we tend to do the most of what was intended for our machines . . . drive them. This issue is jam packed with reports from many of our recent club events including the LeMay tour, Grier's Garage, the All German Car Festival in North Vancouver and the Kilby Car Show. Enjoy the summer and drive safely. ☺

Off To Cruise The Beach, Bruce Woloshyn

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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, *aufter*. The weather for the return of the MBCA Whistler run, *stellar*. And the word *stellar* also sums up the people involved in all of our 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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And it all started from 1908 . . .



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

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Spring is in the air . . . it's time to dust them off!



Spring Is Here! Let a New Season of Fun Events Begin!

Welcome to the 2014 Spring Edition of the BC Benz Bulletin. For those of us with our convertible roadsters sitting in the garage all winter, the warmer weather of spring could not feel any better. And with the warmer weather, comes a flurry of activities to satisfy all types of automotive enthusiasts. Whether you enjoy a Mercedes as a daily driver, or a custom or classic collector, it always seems that spring brings a renewed interest in monitoring as the year's events get underway to *play cars*. This edition of the Bulletin is packed with reports from the many spring shows, an inside look at the new Vancouver MB flagship store, a review of the first year of the local MB Driving Academy, as well as a special report on the first of the Pacific Northwest MBCA road trips and the spring and summer listing of many of the amazing car events in the months to come.

BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, trying out a new 2014 E350 Cabriolet at the Vancouver International Auto Show.

Pulling The Hood-Tip-Off, Bruce Woloshyn

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Summer is Always a Great Time for MB Cuisine!



Summer Is A Great Time for Cruisin' and Great Events

Welcome to the 2014 Summer Edition of the BC Benz Bulletin. For those of us whom always dream of winding roads along the coast and the smell of the sea as we cruised along with the top down, summer is indeed a very special time of the year. This summer is no different. And along with ample opportunities to get out and do some cruisin', the summer is also full of wonderful events to bring people together and not only enjoy the ride, but to enjoy the various events we find at many of the destinations. From the All German Car Festival, to cruising the beach, to our annual Show & Shine and all the places and events in between, I hope you have all had the good fortune to enjoy some of the many summer events this year . . . and the cruises that took you there.

Cruisin' With The Top Down, Bruce Woloshyn

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In the spring of 2013, BC Benz Bulletin editor, Louis Fourie, turned over the reigns of the MBCA British Columbia Section newsletter to Bruce Woloshyn. With the beginning of a new club executive for the BC Stars, Bruce decided to give the newsletter a fresh look that would translate to both the printed page and to the internet on-line version. This culminated in a new design for the publication as well as a new format.



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A Crisp Autumn Breeze and Some Time to Reflect!

From Warm to Crisp . . . It Is Time for Some Fall Driving!

Welcome to the 2014 Fall Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. Yes, it's that time of the year when we are either getting our cars ready for winter driving or getting them ready to put away for the winter (yours truly is the latter). Time to squeeze in one last cruise and one last car show. We have had a simply gorgeous fall in British Columbia's lower mainland this year. Still cruising well into October with the top down. This issue has a look back at some special club events from this fall and the events listing shows what we have to look forward to over the winter months ahead. Yes indeed, time for long pants and short days. Although, that's what heated garages are for I suppose. Enjoy this look back at our fall and look ahead to our club's Annual Winter Dinner on January 24th. A not-to-be-missed evening!

Getting The Head-Top Out.
Bruce Woloshyn

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BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, stopping along the Sea-Tokyo Highway with his navigator, Joseph, during the 2014 Whistler Run.

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Even With Winter Upon Us, There Is Fun To Be Had!

It May Be Winter, But There Is Much Going On With MBCA BC

Welcome to the 2015 Winter Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. It may not be the typical time of year we term, "the driving season", here in British Columbia, but it is certainly a season filled with a myriad of events to keep our members occupied and engaged. From our Section's annual awards night and dinner at *Seau's In The Park*, to some amazing winter trips by our members that are documented in this issue, to the outstanding *Cofe and Car* tour and tech session at the new flagship location, Mercedes-Benz Boundary, this winter has been anything but an off-season. The BC Section has also undergone some exciting new changes in its club executive that both honour the past, as well as look to the future. With an eventful 2014 behind us, as is now time to look ahead to 2015 and the exciting opportunities that lay on the road ahead for our entire membership.

Looking Forward to a Great 2015.
Bruce Woloshyn

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BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, is ready for an exciting 2015 season of "playing cars".

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2015 . . . What A Busy Spring It Has Been!

So Many Spring Events and We Still Have More This Summer!

Welcome to the 2015 Spring Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. What a full calendar this spring has been. Of course, it all got underway with the Vancouver International Auto Show. This year's VIAS event was the biggest ever! And never, have we had a spring with so much going on for our MBCA BC membership. From the tour of Rudi & Company on Vancouver Island, to the very successful Okanagan Wine Tour, to the world tour presentation of the Classic Studies, Elisabeth & Fred Smith and the ever popular German Car Festival, the spring of 2015 has been packed full of events. And, each and every event is showcased in this issue of the *Bulletin*. And that's not all, the calendar stays chock full through the summer. This issue's Local and Regional Events Listing has so much to choose from. I hope everyone has some time to take in a few of these great events and make some new memories.

Happy Spring to a Summer Morning.
Bruce Woloshyn

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BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, trying out the new Mercedes-Benz E400 Cabulet at the 2015 Vancouver International Auto Show.

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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 cruise) was outstanding for great weather. Sunny and hot, right up until the end of August. Perfect weather for cruising and this issue has a couple of different takes on that. Then, there were the Show & Shine. Too many to get to all of them, but we have some great coverage of the Regional Show & Shine hosted by the Seattle Section and our own annual Show & Shine at Shipbuilders 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, and the Whistler Run is just around the corner. Enjoy!

Living the Dream.
Bruce Woloshyn

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

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Autumn Brings the Cool Back to BC Motoring

A Change of Seasons and A Look Back on the Autumn of 2015

Welcome to the 2015 Fall Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. I am always amazed how fast summer ends on the west coast. One day it is top down and vibrant, the next day is handbags and jackets. This issue is another jam packed one. We have some great stories showcasing how busy so many of our members have been this fall. The amazing, although wet, Whistler Run was another wonderful success and we have a great look at this year's trip organized by Manfred and Marie Storz. BC Stars member, Gary Hawthorn, gives us a look at his latest project car. Our own Section President, Sean Clark, takes to the track with the Seattle Section to hone his driving skills. Dan Rutherford decides to try show business with his 1953 220 sedan, while we also look at a magical means to get both new and classic Mercedes to the big screen and I say goodbye to a friend that defined "car guy" to a generation. Enjoy this look at the fall of 2015.

Sending A Jacket.
Bruce Woloshyn

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BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn and for a crisp Autumn cruise with his BRSL, but now with the handbag on.

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A Mild Winter Brings Some Good Fun

Is Winter Really An Off-Season?

Welcome to the 2016 Winter Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. Given all the many activities the BC Section has been holding this winter, I am beginning to wonder if there is such a thing as an off-season! This issue of our Section newsletter has our members out cruising together, doing photo shoots with their beautiful machines, meeting for coffee and test drives, as well as getting "cleaned up" to go out for our annual club dinner. And not only dinner, but awards to celebrate all of the amazing work that went into last year's events. And not just the various club events. Yes, it seems that people are actually picking up the BC Benz Bulletin (or scrolling through it on-line) and reading it. I am still getting over the shock of winning Best Section president newsletter for all of North America. I am certainly honored and will continue to try and bring our members what they deserve. News, event reports and articles about the wonderful people that make up our club. Yes, the machines are amazing, but it is the people inside them that make the MBCA so special.

Honored to Edit Your Bulletin.
Bruce Woloshyn

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BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, with Sean Clark and Barry Farcher at the BC Stars Annual Dinner & Awards.

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With the primary focus of the newsletter to bring the BC Stars club news about members and events to its readers, Bruce also opened up the pages of the BC Benz Bulletin to other related automotive news. This included reports on many of the major automotive events and shows in British Columbia. As Bruce put it, "Mercedes and the MBCA is always my focus, but there are a few other very pretty machines out there".



Three Years of BC Benz Bulletins

A Gallery of Covers



And A Busy Spring It Was . . .

Welcome to the 2016 Spring Wrap-Up Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. Some amazing spring weather for the south coast of British Columbia certainly made for what seemed to be an early start to the driving season. I actually can't ever remember taking the hardtop off of the roadster as early as this spring. In a word, "sweet". This issue of the *Bulletin* is jam-packed with all of the things that kept our members enjoying the various spring car shows and club events that mark the coming of the summer driving season and everyone getting out to "play cars". The two big club events of the spring were the drive to Harrison Lake, organized by Mason and Don Rutherford, and the 2nd annual club Okanagan Wine Tour, organized by Joseph Anthony. Both events received rave reviews from attendees. Wonderful people enjoying wonderful club events organized by wonderful people. For all of the pretty machines we enjoy and admire, it certainly always goes back to the people. The marquee may be what brings us together, but it is the people that make that worthwhile.

BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, with his son, Joseph, out to do what their *BIB* readers does best . . . Cruise Da Beach!!!

Off To Cruise Da Beach, Bruce Woloshyn

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2016 SUMMER WRAP-UP EDITION

A Summer Wrap-Up Issue

Welcome to the 2016 Summer Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. Or maybe I should say, here's a look back at the summer of 2016. As the summer is now behind us and the colors of fall are all around, it seems a bit late in the year to be talking about summer. But, schedules as they are, it has taken a bit longer than I'd like to get this edition of *The Bulletin* in the can. From the German Car Festival, to this year's MBCA Regional Show & Shine, to our own Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine event, to the annual Whistler Run, there has certainly been no lack of amazing events for our members, and auto enthusiasts at large, to be a part of this last summer. And this year, more than ever, we are really seeing events that are more regional in nature. British Columbia events that see participation from MBCA members from Vancouver Island and down in Washington State attending and vice versa. More and more, there is definitely a feeling of a bigger organization at play. And with that, more great people to play with.

BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, at this summer's MBCA Regional Show & Shine in Washington State.

Always Happy To Play Cars, Bruce Woloshyn

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2016 FALL & WINTER EDITION

Thank You for the Privilege

Welcome to the 2016 Fall and Winter Edition of the *BC Benz Bulletin*. This will be the last edition of our club newsletter with me at the editor's desk. As with all things in life, the only constant is change. As we change from 2016 to 2017, it is time for me to step aside and leave the club executive and this fine publication that former editor, Louis Foutie, turned over to me some three years ago. I certainly appreciate the trust that both Louis, as former editor and past club president, and Sean Clark, as former editor and past club president, and current club president, Sean Clark, have shown me during my tenure as editor. I also appreciate all of the support from our club executive and our membership with my learning how to do this "newsletter thing". It has been a wonderful experience and I owe a debt of gratitude to all of the contributors from these last three years. And finally to the readership, thank you for the privilege.

See You On The Road, Bruce Woloshyn

BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, ready to spend a little less time at his computer and a bit more time behind the wheel.

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After 3 years, 15 issues and 408 pages, Bruce has this to say about retiring from the editor's chair, "It has been an absolute privilege to be able to bring our club news and events to you. I would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions. From club members submitting articles and photographs, to the many wonderful people who have hosted me at their events. Thanks for the great ride."



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 Sean Clark at mbcabexec@shaw.ca for further details.



A Look Back at 2016

The Year In Pictures



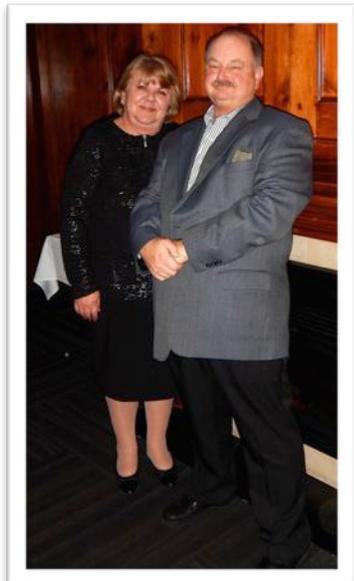
From afternoon drives to cruisin' da beach. From car shows and show & shines to driving the Sunshine Coast and the Whistler Run. 2016 was filled with wonderful machines and even more wonderful people.





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1909



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