MBCA BC Stars

BC Benz Bulletin

Spring Ahead and Get Ready for Summer

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 Marion 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 gets back to the people. The marque 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 R107 roadster does best . . . . Cruise Da Beach ! ! !

Off To Cruise Da Beach,

Bruce Woloshyn

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Spring President's Message

Dear Members and Enthusiasts,

Summer is now officially here, and with it, a very busy driving season. You will see from this issue of our *BC Benz Bulletin* that we have already been out on the road with two BC Club spring events. Marion and Don Rutherford took us for another tour of our own Lower Mainland, and Joseph Anthony organized a very successful Okanagan Wine Tour, now an MBCA BC annual event. Our American visitors love coming up here, and therefore, we have been invited by the Seattle Section to join them on a drive to the Sunshine Coast in July.

Meanwhile, as we 'go to press' with this newsletter, the German Car Festival is being held in North Vancouver at Waterfront Park, June 26th. The weather promises to be favorable and in keeping with a summer event, the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group is once again putting up an MB picnic hamper as a Grand Prize for the draw.

Don't forget, this is a charity event to aid the Harvest Project of the North Shore. Please be sure to bring a food donation. The Porsche Club has offered us a challenge that they will donate more – let's show them what we can do!

Last year we were blessed with the appearance of our friends, Elisabeth and Fred Smits, the "Classic Striders" from New Zealand who are circumnavigating the world in a 1957 Mercedes "Ponton". This year, they are still in touch, but their circumstances are even more exciting than joining us for a car show. Fred and Elisabeth very much appreciated our BC hospitality. They still write to me from time to time, to let our Members know what they are up to. Now, a year later, they are having an immensely enjoyable time travelling through Mexico and Central America, en route south. The people have been welcoming and friendly, but some of the politics and events have been quite unforeseen. Fred and Elisabeth write,

"We are currently in Oaxaca and do not know whether you have been reading about the teachers' strikes in Oaxaca but it is total chaos here with the teachers having blocked the main roads in and out of the city, putting barricades up with burning busses. This has now been going on for 2-3 weeks and last weekend the Government sent in federal police, which ended up in a battlefield with some 6 people killed… We are about 13km south of Oaxaca in Santa Maria El Tule at the Overlander Oasis campground where we have been several times before. No problems here at all, except that food supplies are being affected. We are having a good time working on the car (new shocks and brakes, sparkplugs, oil changes, general fixing and cleaning, repairing the paint and woodwork etc, etc); all badly needed after some 66,000km on the road. Progress is slow and is a bit effected by the fact that we cannot get into the city Oaxaca to get parts, paint etc. We arrived at the Overlander Oasis two weeks ago and are probably here for another fortnight."

We wish them speedy and safe travels.

In the spirit of our ongoing international relations and the camaraderie of MB Enthusiasts, I once again encourage you all to visit the Regional MBCA Show & Shine in Seattle this August. Last year was very impressive and those of us who went had a marvelous time. They are always pleased to see us.

This year, we take a major leap forward. Tony Millikin and Matthew Peck have been hard at work preparing for our 2016 Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine in North Vancouver on August 28th. Tony and Matt will introduce our online registration for the Show & Shine and all our future events. Along with the webpage that Matt has developed, this will ensure that everyone registering receives up to date information and all our organizers will know how many are attending their events. This is important for our restaurant bookings and information for the venues hosting our events. I am very excited that this makes it very easy for our Members and our US visitors to sign up for events easily and pay online when reservation fees are involved.

This year's Shipbuilder's show is set to be even better than last, with even more presenters and attractions. A hearty 'well done' to all involved.

Our new online registration should work well for our Members and visitors to our Annual Whistler Run. Manfred Stenzel has put great effort into re-working this event. This year, we will all meet in Whistler on the Friday night at the Pinnacle Hotel. Saturday will include a drive to see the scenery and a lunch out of town, before driving back to display our cars and enjoy the town. Dinner will, of course, be once again held at the wonderful Caramba! Restaurant that we enjoyed so much last year.

As I will mention in my events reports, I am heartened and grateful for the efforts, enthusiasm, and goodwill of our organizers and the camaraderie and good spirits expressed by our participants.

I was very proud this month to finally present to Bruce Woloshyn his actual finely crafted plaque (above left), an MBCA National Social Media Award for "Best Print Newsletter".

On a sad note, one of our most willing and loyal participants has passed on, but I would like Manfred and Marie to know that Bebe will always ride with us.

I look forward to a fabulous season with wonderful people.

Happy Motoring!

Sean Clark

President
BC Stars
MBCA British Columbia Section

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

June 26th, 2016	15th Annual German Car Festival Co-hosted by the BMW, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz and Audi Club's of BC Waterfront Park - North Vancouver, British Columbia For more information: http://www.bmwccbc.org/calendar/index.html#05
July 1st, 2016	Jellybean 11th Annual Canada Day Celebration and Car Show For more information: http://www.jellybeanhotrods.com/
July 9th to 11th, 2016	Sunshine Coast Adventure hosted by the MBCA Seattle Section For more information: http://www.mbcaseattle.org/sunshine-coast.html
August 14th, 2016	Annual MBCA Pacific Northwest Regional Show and Shine Nile Golf Course - Mountlake Terrace, Washington For more information: https://www.facebook.com/events/1689140241315012/
August 28th, 2016	Annual MBCA BC Stars Show & Shine Shipbuilder's Square - North Vancouver, British Columbia For more information: http://landing.bcstars.ca/savethedate/
Sept. 16th to 18th, 2016	Annual BC Stars MBCA Whistler Run This amazing sea-to-sky drive is shaping up to be yet another wonderful event. For more information: https://bcstars.mbca.org/

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

BMW Car Club of British Columbia
15th Annual
German Car Festival
Plan now for the 15th Annual German Car Festival
15th Annual German Car Festival
Sunday June 26th, 2016
Waterfront Park in North Vancouver
Presented by the local
BMW, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz and Audi Clubs
Public viewing of displayed cars is free,
entry fee to display car on the field is minimum $10 plus non-perishable food item donation with proceeds to charity see below

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VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AUTOSHOW
MARCH 23RD TO 27TH, 2016

Article & Photographs by Bruce Woloshyn

Once again, my so-called kick-off to the list of spring automotive events begins with the Vancouver International Auto Show. Now in its 96th year, the annual spring show is presented by the New Car Dealers Association of BC (formerly the BC Auto Dealers Association) (www.newcardealers.ca) and is billed as the largest consumer show in Western Canada. And this year's event . . . had the numbers to prove it. The total attendance of 101,853 broke last year's record setting total by almost 5,000 visitors and this, despite the fact this year's show was one day shorter than last year's. Single day attendance was extremely high as well, with Friday setting a new single day record for attendance, at 27,155.

"The Vancouver International Auto Show proved to be a success once again with record attendance numbers and levels of engagement," said Blair Qualey, President and CEO of the New Car Dealers Association of BC, the show's host. *"As Western Canada's largest consumer show, we're excited to see it continue to grow, and are looking forward to further developments and announcements for 2017."*

With over 400 new and one of-a-kind vehicles, from 26 major manufacturers, on display, there was certainly enough eye candy for everyone.

The entrance to this year's show wasted no time in giving visitors an eyeful of "pretty machines". From the Martini wrapped Porche 918 Spyder with Weissach Package (which would get you from 0 to 100 km/h in just 2.6 seconds), to the simply gorgeous Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead Coupe (Price as displayed - $658,975.00), the level of automotive artistry was set . . . as soon as you entered the venue.

There was so much to see on the main floor and, as you have to start somewhere, my son and I started our walk at the Jaguar display. Both Joseph and I found the new Jaguar F-Type convertible to be pretty sporty.

With its 3.0 litre supercharged V-6 generating 240 horsepower at 6,500 rpm, you should be able to scoot from a dead stop to 60 mph in a mere 5.5 seconds. And, when you are ready to slow down after that kind of acceleration, by applying controlled independent braking of the individual, inside front and rear wheels, Torque Vectoring adds to the turning forces acting on the car. The result is increased steering performance and even greater driver confidence.

Read more about the new F-Type Jaguar at http://www.jaguarusa.com/all-models/f-type/f-type-models/index.html

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AUTOSHOW

The standout example of the marque at this year's show was this beautiful 2016 Mercedes-Benz GLA45 AMG 4Matic SUV. The custom AMG graphics package was the perfect accent to the design Magno Mountain Grey exterior paint color. The exclusive package also included 20-inch AMG 10-spoke matte black wheels and the AMG night package.

This tricked out GLA and its custom look caught our eye immediately. And, although dressed up as a performance rally racer, even the flashy graphics package could not take away from the confident stance and athletic stride that is the hallmark of this amazing machine.

Read more at:
http://www.mercedes-benz.ca/content/canada/mpc/mpc_canada_website/en/home_mpc/passengercars.html

As well as the many manufacture displays on the main floor, there was a very interesting selection of vehicles on the second floor of the Vancouver Convention Centre, including a re-engineered 'tribute' to the famous Aston Martin DB5, made famous by several incarnations of 007. This stunning vehicle, which included all the Bond gadgets, was custom-built right here in B.C. by TheQCar Company.

And only a few steps away, was another 'tribute' car . . . the famous 1989 version of the Batmobile, built by an old friend of mine, Don Currie. Don is no stranger to anti-crime roadsters. From the 1966 convertible of Adam West fame, to the huge 1989 car made famous by Michael Keaton, Don is somewhat of a Batmobile expert.

He created this particular car from the ground up, as a tube-frame chassis and hand sculpting the silver screen shape out of foam to create a mould for the body. And it is most certainly a big machine. According to Don, "*It's 19-feet, six-inches long, eight-feet wide and four-feet tall at the fins.*" At that scale, I think even the Batman would be impressed.

BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, with custom car fabricator, Don Currie, and his 1989 tribute car, the Batmobile (left). Don's latest creation cruises Gotham City with a 350 small-block GM drivetrain and a Mustang 2 front suspension and power rack. The amazing machine runs on Mickey Thompson SR Radials on 10" wide rims up front 12" wide rims in the rear. It has taken Don 1½ years, part time, to build his amazing automotive creation . . . from scratch!

From toys for the little girls and boys, to toys for the little girls and boys at heart, this year's Vancouver International Auto Show was a wonderful way to see what new machines were on offer, as well as admire what machines had come before. And the fact that my son, Joseph (a real "car guy" in his own right), could check out what both MI6's top agent and the caped crusader have been driving was just the icing on the cake. The show was certainly a great way for my son and I to spend some time together and get psyched up to get our own "toy" ready for another season of playing cars with the big boys.

The 8.4 litre V-10 Dodge Viper SRT (below left) on the main Convention Centre floor. The Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG (below centre) on the Convention Centre second floor with the super-car display. The Dueck Vintage Garage had several gorgeous machines on display, including this 1950 Cadillac 60 Series Special (bottom of page).

BC Classic & Custom Car Show

Article and Photographs by Bruce Woloshyn

If you are reading this publication, you undoubtedly have an interest in fine automobiles, but even enthusiasts of the Mercedes-Benz marque have to admit, that not every vehicle straight from the factory couldn't benefit with a little "custom work". With that in mind, the Tradex in Abbotsford has an annual show to demonstrate exactly that thought, in some cases, a little "custom work" can really go a long way.

The 2016 presentation of the BC Classic and Custom Car Show certainly was certainly the place to be this last April for an amazing display of more than 250 of the Pacific Northwest's finest street rods, custom and muscle cars, restored classics and even jet engine dragsters. Besides the impressive rows of automotive eye candy, the event also included displays and booths from more than 75 of British Columbia's aftermarket automotive companies. From custom cars builders, to high performance engine parts, fuel systems, tires and clothing, there was something for everyone on the show floor.

The Tradex in Abbotsford with the likes of Martin Collins' 1951 Mercury (above left), Joe Esquivel's 1956 Chevy Bel Air (above) and the author's sons, David and Joseph, with Ben Christiansen's 1953 Studebaker Coupe (left).

Legendary customizer, Gene Winfield (left) and NHRA Champion, Don Prudhomme (right).

The drive to Abbotsford each spring to take in this show, is somewhat of an annual ritual for my sons and I on the BC car show circuit. The vibe at this show is distinctly different than many of the other shows, as there is a much great emphasis on "hand crafted" and one-of-a-kind machines. To that end, the legendary customizer, Gene Winfield (http://genewinfield.org/), was again in attendance and demonstrated the chopping of a 1954 Chevy as part of the show. Pretty amazing to watch one of the true legends of custom cars showing how it's done.

This year's show certainly had some great treats for anyone interested in drag racing. In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the National Hot Rod Association's (http://www.nhra.com/) Nitro Funny Car class, the show hosted special guest, 4 time NHRA Nitro Funny Car National Champion, Don "Snake" Prudhomme (http://snakeracing.com/about-us/). In addition to the many dragsters on display, including the *Nighthawk* jet funny car (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_car), the show also boasted their "Fuel and Fire" event with some pretty awesome displays of what can only be described as *raw power*.

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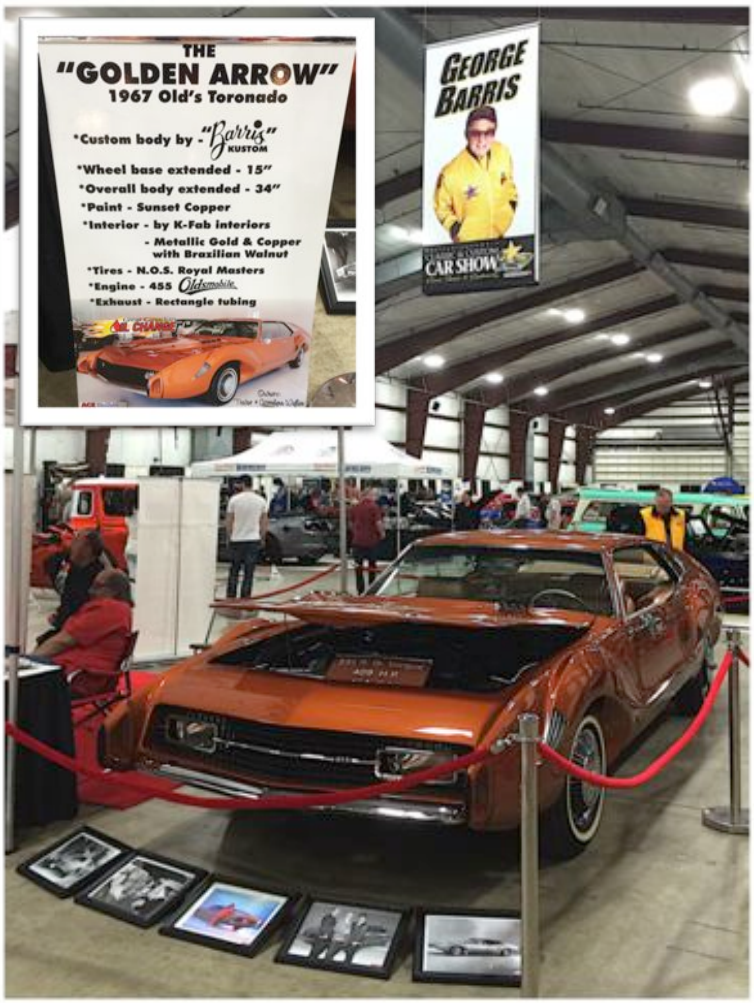
As a big fan of beautiful coachwork, I'd have to say that my favourite pretty machine at this year's show was the amazing *3 Karat Diamond*. This year's award winner for "Traditional Car of the Year" by Lowrider Magazine (http://www.lowrider.com/), the *3 Karat Diamond* is as much a piece of sculpture, as it is a car. Created from a 1958 Chevrolet Impala, there is not a single inch on this sweet ride that has not been detailed to perfection. Owned by Faustino and Nancy Flores of El Pas, Texas, this incredibly pretty machine is powered by a totally chromed (yes, you read that right . . . *totally* chromed) 348 cubic inch Chevy big block. The simply stunning paint job is a color that is called "koral reef" with all of the body work and the paint completed by Street Rods USA of El Paso. This amazing low rider boasts an air-ride system featuring Firestone airbags, four Thomas/Firestone compressors with two 3-gallon air tanks, eight SMC valves and eight switches. Seriously . . . this lowrider is a much a piece of art as it is a car. ☺ Wow!

I must admit, that this year's event did seem to miss a bit of sparkle by the absence of the King of the Kustomizers, the late George Barris. George was the Grand Marshall of the BC Classic and Custom Car show from 2006 to 2015 and his presence was certainly missed at this year's edition of the show, the first since his passing. The show's special tribute display, including George's 1967 Oldsmobile, *Golden Arrow*, was a great reminder of what a special event this was to George and what a special "car guy" he was to so many.



Weekend Drive

BC Stars Harrison Lake Drive

Event Report by Sean Clark - Photographs by Don Rutherford
Saturday, May 7th, 2016

The spring weather was just perfect for a drive from Coquitlam out to beautiful Harrison Lake. The Starbucks parking lot really gets an upgrade as the BC Stars arrive to begin their Saturday Drive (above).

A Saturday Drive and a bright sunny day . . . once again, Don and Marion Rutherford have taken us for a beautiful drive down the back roads outside of Vancouver.

We all met for a morning coffee in Coquitlam before setting off on our scenic excursion eastwards towards Mission. There was time enough for a photo or two, and it was already warm enough that all the convertible tops were down. Marinus Van Prattenburg brought his newly purchased 560SL for its very first Club event, and lovely it was too.

BC Stars Harrison Lake Drive

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After a nice drive along the tree-lined lanes of Maple Ridge, we made our way to our first stop, the Stave Lake Power House, now a BC Hydro museum. Alongside the carefully preserved turbines and generators we wandered amongst the exhibits of old electric appliances and displays about the history of Power Generation in BC. There was good fun to be had with the interactive exhibits and demonstrations of the Jacob's Ladder apparatus. Here too, were great opportunities to ham it up for photos.

The BC Hydro Museum at the Stave Lake Powerhouse (left).

Adding class to parking lots everywhere they go, this group of BC Stars enjoyed a wonderful Saturday drive in their pretty machines as they trekked out to Harrison Lake. From left to Right: Jeff Schindler, Sean Clark and his wife, Saras Mudaliar, event hosts Don and Marion Rutherford, Rita & Tony Millikin, Marinus Van Prattenburg, Linda & Gary Pullyblank and Frank Edwards.

BC Stars Harrison Lake Drive

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We reluctantly got back underway, towards the lunch waiting for us in Harrison Lake. We meandered alongside the river and through very small towns for a ways until we turned to head up to the lake and vacationland for generations of BC families.

As we turned into the Old Settlers' Pub (http://www.oldsettler.com/index.html) parking lot, we found Gunnar Andersen waiting for us, with his shiny black 1956 300S "Adenaur". Originally owned by the Manning family of BC, it had been fully restored in 1981, and kept in top condition for the past 12 years by Gunnar.

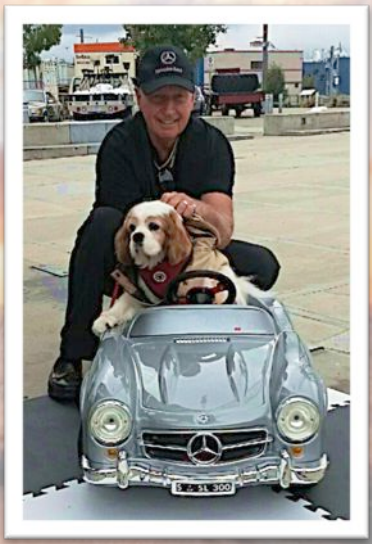
Marion and Don had booked a sunny table for us on the patio. We had a delightful lunch in the warm outdoors, but many of us could not resist going to for a traditional ice cream at one of the many ice cream stands. The Rutherfords were even gracious enough to treat us, too!

Another wonderful day of simple pleasures and great company. Our thanks once again to Don and Marion for making all of the arrangements and being such wonderful hosts.

Remembering Bebe

We may not be together
In the way we used to be;
We are still connected by a
Cord no eye can see.
So whenever you need to find me
We're never far apart
If you look beyond the horizon
And listen with your heart.

-Author Unknown



This spring Manfred and Marie's beloved Bebe crossed the Rainbow Bridge. A wonderful mascot at so many Club events over the years, we share in their loss.

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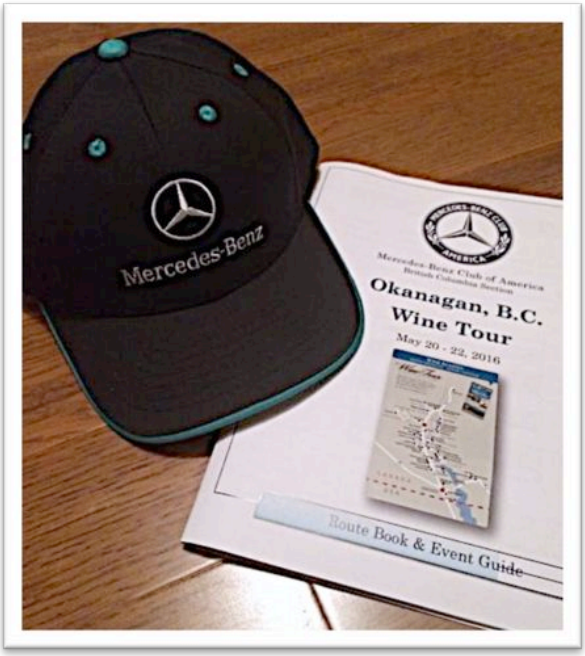
BC Stars Wine Tour

Okanagan Wine Tour Regional Event

Event Report by Sean Clark - Photographs by Saras Mudaliar
Friday, May 20th to Sunday, May 22nd, 2016



The second annual BC Section Okanagan Wine Tour was certainly a Regional event. Our friends from the Vancouver Island Section enthusiastically joined our BC Members and friends from Seattle. BC Stars member, Paul Browne, negotiated an excellent rate for us at the Holiday Inn in Osoyoos, where our tour was based. Jen Alexander and her staff were wonderful to us. Our room had a nice view of the lake. I think even Bob Willetts enjoyed his stay, regardless of his unexpected cold shower.

This year, Event Organizer, Joseph Anthony, planned for us to visit some new wineries, some old favorites and a good drive to see the countryside. Joseph, once again, produced his excellent "Michelin Guide" of maps and route guides for our various stops along the way. Saturday morning, we handed those out to all the participants who arrived overnight, along with some Mercedes F1 hats exclusive to the Canadian market, from MB Vancouver.

Okanagan Wine Tour Regional Event

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That morning saw us heading up the highway through the vineyards of Oliver and Okanagan Falls, all the way up to Penticton and Naramata. Our first stop was at the Red Rooster and Ruby Blues wineries, across the street from each other. We all arrived there safely despite the BC Section President being the only one without GPS and trying to lead the convoy. We very much benefitted from the spirit of competition between the two wineries. Both put on a good show for visitors, Red Rooster (http://www.redroosterwinery.com/) with their autonomous robotic lawnmower, and Ruby Blues (http://www.rubyblueswinery.ca/) with "Charlie" their very colorful and entertaining host. He encouraged us to try their light and "fun" white wines. Peace, Love and Bubbles was their showcase wine, very much in keeping with their light hearted theme, highlighted by VW Hippy vans in the parking lot. In the gift shop, it seems one could even buy very unique high-heeled shoes! Elizabeth Suelzer was delighted with her new, very stylish purchase.

Okanagan Wine Tour Regional Event

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Nearby, overlooking Penticton, was Poplar Grove Winery (http://www.poplargrove.ca/) with its very spectacular tasting room. We posed for a photo with cars and then ventured inside to meet our Tasting Organizer, Laura Veljacic. As we enjoyed our wines, Paul Jones of the Vanilla Pod restaurant introduced himself and made ready our private room for lunch. The food and the wines were excellent - everyone was wowed by the perfectly poached BC salmon. Great hosts and a wonderful experience. The unsettled weather began to clear a little more as we made our way back south on the highway.

With a good number of SL's and other open top cars in our group, some were tempted to put their tops down as the weather improved. There was much regret from the BC Section President, as his SL's hardtop was firmly bolted in place for the weekend. We headed for Tinhorn Creek (http://www.tinhorn.com/) and were warmly greeted by Hospitality Manager, Muriel Allen. The Tinhorn grounds are quite beautiful. We heard they had only just been saved from the advancing forest fires the year before. It seems that their moist irrigated crops stopped the fire from approaching onto the property. Our last stop of the day, before dinner, was the hugely successful relatively new aboriginal resort and winery, Nk'mip (Ink-a-meep), in Osoyoos (http://www.nkmipcellars.com/About-Us). The complex is beautifully landscaped and the buildings are in the prevalent adobe style of the area. Our gracious hostess, Casandra Capone, greeted us and told us a bit about the winery and showed us their tasty array of wines.

Okanagan Wine Tour Regional Event

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We had a good drive, a full day and we all took a little time to relax, before heading off for a lovely dinner at the Miradoro Restaurant (http://www.tinhorn.com/Restaurant/About-Miradoro). The food was excellent, served at a leisurely pace, so we had a good chance to share stories and recap our day's experiences.

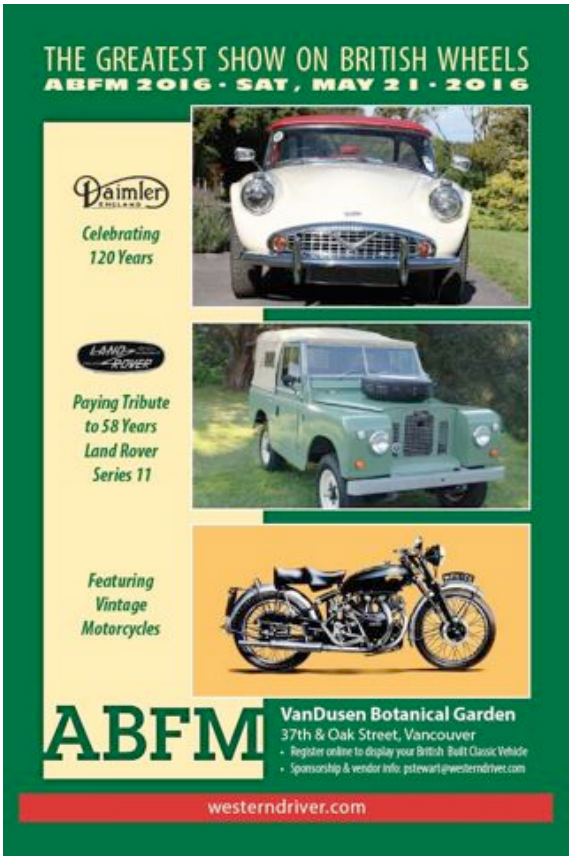
Sunday morning, some of our group had to make an early start to begin the trek home, some wanted to sleep in a bit, but the rest of us headed up to a perennial favorite winery . . .

. . . the Burrowing Owl (https://www.burrowingowlwine.ca/). Many of the wineries we visited in the area this time, specialized in wonderful white wine varieties and we were able to taste some that we really enjoyed. However, Burrowing Owl is known for its award winning reds, which are in demand and are hard to find on the shelves of BC liquor stores. We arrived a little early so we took the opportunity to take some photos outside, before heading in for our final tasting. Inside, Delainie Aikens, introduced us to their latest wines and we posed for some last pictures, before making our farewells.

We are very grateful to everyone who drove such a long way to join us. A road trip like this is a great way to get to know some very gracious and wonderful people, and that's not just the wine talking.

2016 All British Field Meet

Article and Photographs by Bruce Woloshyn



As many readers of the *BC Benz Bulletin* know, I am attracted to many makes and models of what I usually call, "pretty machines". Being an auto enthusiast who is primarily attracted to the design and style of such machines, I have a great appreciation for the aesthetic of the automobile. From the coachwork, to the finer details of interior upholstery, it is as much the look of an automobile as it is what's under the hood that appeals to me. That said, I guess it is my justification for my son, Joseph, and I parking our German car several blocks away to visit VanDusen Gardens (http://vandusengarden.org/) to have a look at some very pretty British cars.

As with years past, Joseph and I were hosted at the ABFM by our friend, and one of the shows organizers, Michael Stewart. And, as with years past, Michael and the organizing team of the ABFM did not disappoint. With over 500 vehicles on display, there was certainly no shortage of automotive eye candy for the 31st anniversary of this wonderful event.

Our 2016 ABFM host, Michael Stewart, with "car guy", Joseph Woloshyn.

Scores of British automobiles on display at VanDusen Gardens.

The 2016 All British Field Meet at VanDusen Gardens

With five dozen different classes of vehicles on display, the 2016 edition of the All British Field Meet was, once again, the biggest classic car show of its kind in Western Canada. From Bentley, to Aston Martin, to Delorean, to Triumph, there were scores and scores of pretty machines to view, as we walked the picturesque grounds of the VanDusen Botanical Gardens. And really, what better setting for a cup of tea and to take in some of the finest in British automobiles? The natural beauty of the VanDusen grounds continues to be the perfect compliment to the stunning lines of a classic Rolls Royce or, one of my most favorite car designs ever, the truly classic E-Type Jaguar.

The 2016 All British Field Meet at VanDusen Gardens

For a complete list of the 2016 Vancouver ABFM Sponsors' Award Winners, please visit the Western Driver On-Line Magazine's web site at:
http://www.westerndriver.com/?page_id=9786

Registered car entrants voted for first-place, second-place and third-place Class Awards at this year's show. Award plaques were presented in all 62 classes. For a complete list of the winners, please visit Western Driver On-Line Magazine's web site at:
http://www.westerndriver.com/?page_id=9685

For a really wonderful perspective on British cars and additional coverage of this year's event, please follow this following link to Brendan McAleer's article in the Globe and Mail entitled, "B.C. Festival Celebrates the Joy and Frustration of Classic British Cars":
http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-drive/culture/accessories/bc-festival-celebrates-the-joy-and-frustration-of-classic-british-cars/article30134991/

Joseph's favorite picks for the 2016 ABFM were this 1960 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud and this DeLorean DMC12.

Special thanks again to my friend, Michael Stewart, for hosting Joseph and I to see what other people are driving. Michael's family does a simply outstanding job of putting on this show every year and I never cease to be amazed at the sheer number of British cars that are staged at the event. And, with every car event Joseph and I attend, it always brings a smile to my face to see how warm and welcoming the people are. It didn't matter whether they were showing a Triumph or an Aston Martin, a Roll-Royce or a DeLorean, everyone was so pleasant to speak with. Even if a few had their steering wheels on the wrong side. ☺

CELEBRATE MBCA's DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Join Us As We Embrace Rich Heritage, Beautiful Cars, and Great Friendships.

This year marks Mercedes-Benz Club of America's (MBCA) 60th Anniversary as the largest and best Mercedes-Benz Club in the world. We will be gathering to celebrate the Club's rich heritage, beautiful cars, and great friends at this year's 53rd June Jamboree, June 24-25th.

Established in 1963, June Jamboree is the Club's longest-running event hosted by the Northern New Jersey Section. This event offers the perfect venue for celebrating heritage and embracing the future of the Club, and all things Mercedes-Benz.

Visit **www.mbcannj.com** for additional information and to RSVP.

We Want to Hear from You

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 of 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 Sean Clark at mbcabcexec@shaw.ca for further details.

http://bcstars.mbca.org/

BC Stars Trading Post

2000 Mercedes-Benz E320 4-MATIC
Silver with Grey leather interior.
66,000 km - Sunroof, fully loaded.
Very clean, low mileage.
$7,250.00 obo
Contact: Orient Auto, Port Coquitlam - (604) 464-5255

2003 Mercedes-Benz E320
Dark Grey Metallic with Black leather interior.
143,000 km - Sunroof, fully loaded.
$7,950.00 obo
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BC Stars Trading Post

AMG "Turbine" wheels for sale:

I am selling this set of wheels and tires on behalf of a non-member.

A staggered set of 4 genuine 18" AMG Turbine-style alloy wheels. These are original equipment from a 2003 AMG SL55, with Michelin Pilot Sport tires included.

The tires still have approximately 50% wear left.

The wheels are straight and unblemished with the exception of one front wheel (pictured) with 2" of minor curb rash.

Asking $1,600.00 CDN

Please contact Sean Clark for more details:
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For Sale:
1987 R107 560SL Roadster.
All original in excellent condition. Hard and soft tops.
Dark Brown metallic ext. with dark brown interior.
Always garaged.
174,000 km
Asking $13,000.00 CDN
Contact Mirko - mgusic@harbourviewelectric.com

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A fun day out with fellow German Car Enthusiasts.
Entry fee of $10 per car will be collected on site for those wishing to park/display their cars on the lawns.
This year we are opening gates at Waterfront at 9:45 am so people can arrive, sign in, and park their cars for the show part which starts at 11:00 am.
Net proceeds of entry fee plus donation of non perishable food item for the North Shore Harvest Project Food Bank will be collected day of event
Event sponsors will provide some prizes to be given away and some other "fun stuff". There will also be a food vendor available for lunches, as well as an ice cream vendor. The German Car Festival traces its routes back many years to when it was a Porsche Club show and shine outing to support a local charity.
In 2002 the event formally became the German Car Festival as Ron Dempsey worked to bring the BMW, Porsche and Mercedes-Benz clubs together to host the event.
The event has grown and become popular as a summer show and shine for the various authorized German car clubs. Those are the 'brick and mortar' clubs that are sanctioned by the manufacturer, and now include not only the BMW Car Club of BC, but the local Porsche Club of America - Canada West Region, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America - British Columbia Section, and the Audi Club of British Columbia.
As can be expected from such a diverse group, there will some very interesting cars participate in this event both new and old.
The entry fee net proceeds and perishable food items collected are donated to the North Shore Harvest Project.

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