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MBCA BC Stars

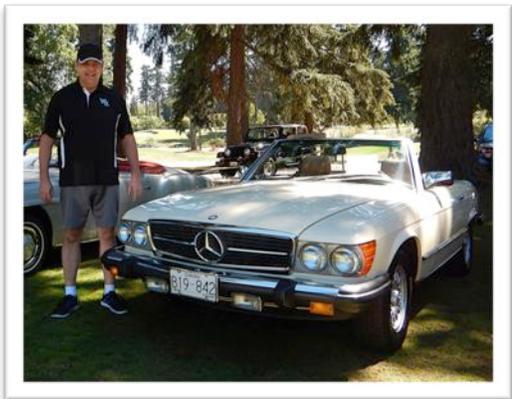
BC Benz Bulletin

A Look at Our Summer in the Pacific Northwest



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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Summer President's Message



Dear Members and Enthusiasts,

I am very proud.

Building on the past, we have set many milestones this year. We've enjoyed unprecedented turnouts for our events and recognition in the community.

Our presence at the German Car Festival was one of the best ever and we were on hand, publicly donating proceeds to the local charity, the Harvest Project.

Significantly, that hard work of our Members also set the stage to attract a record number of participants to our Show & Shine in August. Tony Millikin did us proud at Shipbuilder's Square. Between his organizing and the promotional work of Matt Peck and Nestor Balcé of the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group, we had over a hundred cars on display and attracted many more people.

I was pleased to hear so many word of mouth accolades about the friendliness of our Members and Organizers. Of

note, we even had friends of the Club who stepped up to help and our Presenters also got into the spirit of good times.

I should tell you that Barry Patchett, our MBCA Regional Director, was very excited by our success, "...over a hundred cars, wow!"

From an unsolicited comment off the Internet, "...a well organized show", for the Show & Shine, to the more formal praise of a Silver Medallion Award from the International Automotive Media Competition, for Bruce Woloshyn's BC Section Newsletter, we should all be proud!

For the past two years, I have been honoured to be your Section President. I have seen everyone working hard, behind the scenes and in front, to make this an exceptional Club. I cannot thank you enough for having the vision and the enthusiasm to step up, take responsibility and make these events your own. We've learnt much along the way, through innovation and perseverance, but our Members always had the confidence to say we can do it and invite everyone along to share the experiences.

I have personally heard much praise from the grassroots level, the very people who appreciated your dedication and the hospitality of our Section. Elsewhere, in this newsletter, I allude to the appreciation of Udo and Gabrielle Storck from Seattle. They joined us recently in Whistler, driving all the way up, even though the weather was uncertain, because they enjoy visiting with us. Udo mentioned to me on our first Okanagan Wine Tour, that he had enjoyed very much the company and appreciated Joseph Anthony's organizing that event and an earlier trip to Leavenworth.



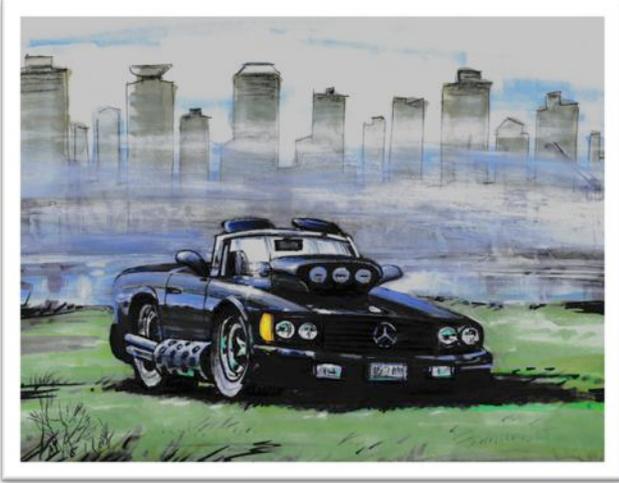
This summer, when he saw me, Udo very quietly and modestly presented the Club with an original painting of a BC vineyard, in appreciation of Joseph’s efforts. We both decided that it should reside with Joseph in his own home.

I was impressed by this very genuine and personal gift from Udo, high praise indeed! Therefore, I wished to honour both him and Joseph with a bit more recognition and public thanks. When Udo and Gabrielle came to Whistler I thought we would have that opportunity, but Joseph couldn’t make it. I reluctantly settled for a ‘dramatic re-enactment’ of the event at our dinner, and a Club Thank You to Udo.



It has become ever clearer that our events are appreciated, but not just for the events themselves. Many new friendships have begun by getting together in a common cause. My wife and I have met many new friends from other Sections on some of our wider ranging trips. We look forward to seeing each other and keeping in touch. Sometimes we visit each other’s homes.

Recently, as some of you know, I perhaps controversially, exchanged my #744 Brilliant Silver MB sedan for an older R107 560SL, in #199 Graphite dark grey. It was not by any means a “flashy” convertible, like the flamboyant chrome and Signal Red examples that everyone seems to adore.



As it turns out, our new MBCA friend, and Wine Tour veteran, Marke Simmons from Victoria, was an immediate fan. He dubbed the colour “Bismarck Grey” and he told me he saw great beauty in it.

Not long after, I received an original drawing of my car, along with a note, “...I didn’t have the correct dark gray felt pen – please excuse the substitute...”*Gangster Noir*”. I figure that with the Belt-Supercharger, high-rise manifold, direct flow exhaust, close-ratio gearbox and 18in Mickey Thompsons she’ll do the ¼ in about 8 seconds”. I’m fine with him taking some artistic licence.

It is now framed and hanging in my office.

Sean and Udo (top), Joseph Anthony (middle) and a rendering in Gangster Noir by Marke Simmons (bottom).





Three presidents. BC Stars president, Sean Clark, Seattle president, Jerry Cole, and Seattle past president, Ian Gleadle.

Those are just a couple of examples of what a great Club this can be. There is a very large Mercedes-Benz community out there and we are more than ever a part of it. By reaching out, I see our Members receiving a huge return in satisfaction and shared adventures. It is already paying off for our Section with new friendships and new experiences. Not only do I congratulate our Members on their continuing successes locally, but I also encourage them to reach out regionally.

The greater MBCA Pacific Northwest Regional community is coming together, with an anticipated Master Calendar of events for 2017.

The Portland Section is reaching out and asking us to visit. Vancouver Island has many casual events suitable for a day or a weekend. Seattle always has a number of appealing events each year, many of them an easy day's drive, and don't forget the annual Regional Show & Shine on the lawn of the Nile Golf and Country Club.

I am very proud of our Section. Our Members are exceptional. Your dedication and your graciousness is paying off.

Enjoy!

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

- November 6th, 2016 BMW Club Advanced Winter Driving Training
Course includes professional instruction by Driving Unlimited
Pitt Meadows, British Columbia
For more information: <http://www.bmwccbc.org/calendar/index.html>
- November 6th, 2016 London to Brighton Commemorative Run
Hosted by the Old English Car Club of British Columbia
Delta - Fort Langley - Langley, British Columbia
For more information:
http://www.oecc.ca/event_ads/2016_london_to_brighton.pdf
- November 12th, 2016 MBCA Members Only Cars and Coffee - 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Mercedes-Benz Boundary - 3550 Lougheed Highway
Vancouver, British Columbia
For more information:
<https://bcstars.mbca.org/section-upcoming-events>
- December 26th, 2016 Vancouver Vintage Car Club of Canada Boxing Day Run
H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
For more information:
<http://vancouver.vccc.com/>
- 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.mbca.org/section-upcoming-events>

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>





German Car Festival



Article By Sean Clark - Photographs By Victor Chan
Sunday, June 26th, 2016



An aerial view of the 2016 German Car Festival at Waterfront Park in North Vancouver.

Another very successful German Car Festival (<http://www.bmwccb.org/GCF/>) this year and a wonderful fundraiser for charity. The BC Section of the MBCA (<https://bcstars.mbca.org/>) meets the other BC German car clubs each year for the Festival, at Waterfront Park in North Vancouver.

A bright sunny day, this very popular event attracted over 192 German cars and hundreds of people. Food donations and money were collected to support the Harvest Project (<http://www.harvestproject.org/>), a local charity that gives a hand up to struggling families.

We counted over 45 different Mercedes-Benz cars that came out for the show. These ranged from Don Rutherford's cheery 1953 220S to an SLR McLaren supercar!! What a treat to see them up close. Many daily drivers and weekend hot rods were shown by their proud

owners. An AMG W124 Hammer Coupe, other special AMG performance cars, and more than a few elegant SL roadsters graced the lawns of the park.

George Budd kindly brought his Fintail, "Abby" to its first car show. He was joined by several other Classic MB sedans and coupes. With the gorgeous backdrop of the Vancouver Harbour and the city skyline, Waterfront Park was great venue for taking photographs of your favourite car. Our Victor Chan, and Richard Mozisek captured some inspiring images!

The Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group (<https://www.mbvancouver.ca/en-CA/Home/>) tempted MB enthusiasts with the very latest C-Class Coupe on display!! Our thanks go to Nestor Balcé. Nestor and the Vancouver Area Retail Group donated a lovely Ladies MB watch for the fund-raising raffle.





German Car Festival (continued)

Rod Meares, a BMW Club Director, did a great job of organizing this year's event. It was a pleasure to be partners and "team-players". A challenge had been issued last year, by the Porsche Club, as to which Club could raise the most food donations. The BMW Club had many more cars than us, but Mercedes-Benz came a close second, followed by Porsche. This was the most successful event to date. With the increase in turnout, it has nearly outgrown the venue.

Our BC Stars Past President, Louis Fourie, was on hand with Rod Meares, to present a cheque to Kevin Lee of the Harvest Project. Net amount to the Harvest Project: \$2,282 (Last Year was \$1,846). This was an excellent season-opener car show. What a fun and generous spirit shown by all! Well done, everyone.



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Audi



The 2016 German Car Festival In Support of the Harvest Project



Once again, the MBCA BC Section stepped up to help North Vancouver's Harvest Project. Each June, the German Car Clubs of British Columbia hold a German Car Festival and fundraiser.

Rod Meares of the BMW Club organized a spectacular and very popular showing of BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche and Audi automobiles. 192 cars in all. Hundreds of people came down to see their favourites among the four brands. MBCA BC Stars volunteers were among those to receive them.

Our Members manned the gates and collected \$10 and food donations from every entrant. Many thanks to VP Tony Millikin, Don Rutherford, Gary Pullyblank, and Manfred Stenzel. We had a record turnout of Mercedes this year. About 45 Benzes were recorded by Tony, up from 35 or so the previous year. Most of those were our own Members. Nick and Yen-Hsen Liam brought several cars.

The premier prize this year, was a Ladies Mercedes-Benz watch, donated by Nestor Balcé and the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group. A great thanks goes out to them for their support. It is particularly good to note that our Members at large acted as wonderful hosts and ambassadors to the public. Marie and Manfred Stenzel did a magnificent job at our kiosk, answering questions for the public about our Club and the Harvest Project.

The Harvest Project (<http://www.harvestproject.org/>) is a local charity on Vancouver's North Shore. The German car clubs have been supporting them for several years, but 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."*

On behalf of our Club, our Past President, Louis Fourie (above right), represented the BC Stars Section at the Cheque Presentation Ceremony. Rod Meares and Louis presented the Harvest Project's Kevin Lee, with a cheque for \$2,282. That was a healthy increase from the previous year's \$1,846. Thanks to a bit of friendly competition, this year's food donations were also up.

Many thanks to our volunteers and Members, who helped out at the German Car Festival by turning out enthusiastically for this great cause and giving back to the community. Our best wishes to the Harvest Project for the wonderful work they do.



2016 MBCA Sunshine Coast Adventure Saturday, July 9th to Monday, July 11th



By Sean Clark

Photographs By Benjamin Keller and Gerry Woloshyn



This summer, some of the MBCA British Columbia and Vancouver Island Section members, had a chance to join some Seattle members for a memorable scenic tour north along the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

Ian and Linda Gleadle led the Seattle group to North Vancouver, British Columbia on Saturday, where they stayed at the Pinnacle Hotel. They were joined by the Woloshyn car of the Vancouver Island Section and the Shindler and Price cars of the BC Stars, before catching the ferry to the Sunshine Coast the next morning. My wife, Saras, and I joined them for a delicious lunch at the Lighthouse Pub in Sechelt (<http://www.lighthousepub.ca/>), overlooking the harbour.

We then made our leisurely way to our hotel in the forest, the West Coast Wilderness Lodge (<http://wcl.com/>), in the village of Egmont. What a beautiful drive through the forest.

Dinner was top notch, overlooking Sechelt Inlet. It was a marvelous opportunity to spend some time with old friends from Seattle.



2016 MBCA Sunshine Coast Adventure (continued)



Some of the more adventurous spent the next day touring the inlet by zodiac, while some of us visited the small coastal towns, before heading back for the ferry and the trip home.

Best wishes to our many MBCA friends from all three Sections that attended and many thanks to the organizers for bringing us together again.





The BC Benz Bulletin Wins A Silver Medallion in the 25th International Automotive Media Competition



Bruce Woloshyn of the BC Stars Section and editor of this newsletter, the *BC Benz Bulletin*, has picked up another award for his club publication. Last year, Bruce won the first place Shining Star Award for best print newsletter in the 2015 MBCA Communications Contest. This year, Bruce's work has garnered him a Silver Medallion Award in the 25th Annual International Automotive Media Competition. The International Automotive Media Competition (IAMC), is a program to recognize and encourage excellence in all forms of automotive media. The IAMC™ is administered, produced by and is a property of The International Society for Vehicle Preservation (<https://automediaregistry.org/awards/iama-results/>).

The International Automotive Media Competition (IAMC - <http://www.iamc-isvp.org/>), and its awards, the International Automotive Media Awards (IAMAs) program was designed to recognize excellence against a standard, not against one another. Each entry is judged on its own merit. More than one IAMA Gold can be awarded in a category, or there may be none. Entries may earn up to 100 points.

There are three Medallion Awards:

- Bronze (85-91)
- Silver (92-96)
- Gold (97-100)

The International Automotive Media Competition panel of judges consists of industry professionals with diverse backgrounds that evaluate the entries in numerous categories of writing, video, radio, photography, design, internet, and public relations for excellence in writing craftsmanship, visual artistry, and communication innovation across the broad spectrum of print, digital and electronic formats.

A complete list of the winners for the 25th Annual IAMC Awards can be found here: <https://automediaregistry.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/25th-IAMC-Winners-List.html>

"This is a major international auto journalism award, so you all need to celebrate."

William W. Hopper
MBCA National Treasurer

"It is an honour to know Bruce, and his magnificent newsletter is something we are all proud to show to others. Bruce, quite literally, you make us all look good!"

Sean Clark
BC Stars President - MBCA British Columbia Section



Meeting the 2017 E-Class Wednesday, August 3rd



By Tony Millikin

There are some things you can bet on. And when an email like the one below hits your inbox, you can bet that you could barely measure the reaction time to click on RSVP!

Invitations like this are not everyday occurrences. To have an opportunity to not only have a leading look into the 2017 E-Class, but also a chance to drive it on a closed course and to test some of the new technology, spells pretty lucky to me.



To celebrate the launch of the all-new E-Class, Mercedes-Benz Canada is holding an exciting series of complimentary driving events in 9 cities across Canada.

Combining striking new interior design and intuitive dashboard technology with state-of-the-art safety and convenience systems, the new E-class takes the next step towards autonomous driving.

We invite you to be among the first to discover this all-new driving experience. Share your passion for exceptional engineering with like-minded guests, or simply relax under the marquee and enjoy the selection of refreshments.

Space is limited so we encourage you to RSVP as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please click on the link below to view the event dates and see when the Masterpiece of Intelligence tour is in your area.

RSVP



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The best or nothing.

Meeting the 2017 E-Class (continued)

The gorgeous dash. I have always been a fan of the dash of the S-Class, with its beautiful clear display with all the functions available. But this new display seems to take it to a higher level. The colours seem richer and, if possible, deeper in colour. And the display is fast.

The system behaves like two separate screens. One specifically for the driver information and then the secondary screen for “Infotainment”.

From choosing your different types of gauges specific to driver information, it seems the possibilities are endless. If you can customize your computer desktop, then why not your ride!



Intelligent Drive

Defines all of the different systems that work in concert to help make the drive safer for you and your passengers, but also for those in proximity to your car. It does this with sensors all around the car.

From the Mercedes Website it states:

Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive comprises a range of technologies, optimally configured for each specific model series and designed to enhance safety and comfort when driving.

An innovative stereo camera system, for example, ensures that you are able to see in three dimensions. It provides you with 360° all-round visibility and creates a precise picture of the environment in which you are driving. Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive also includes DISTRONIC PLUS proximity control with STEER CONTROL, as well as Night View Assist Plus. Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive uses the various data generated by these new technologies to evaluate specific driving situations, recognise potentially dangerous situations and react within a split second to provide you with appropriate measures to counteract the particular circumstances – for example with autonomous braking action or a clear warning alert.

The additional safety, assistance and lighting systems that are now linked together in optimal fashion through Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive include: BAS PLUS with Cross-Traffic Assist, Adaptive Highbeam Assist Plus, Night View Assist Plus, PRE-SAFE® PLUS, ATTENTION ASSIST, 360° camera, Active Lane Keeping Assist, Active Blind Spot Assist, and Crosswind Assist.



Meeting the 2017 E-Class (continued)

Collision Prevention Assist Plus



This is pretty amazing technology. Although, I struggled to let the car really show me what it could do. With all the sensory information being fed to the car, it can tell if there is a car or pedestrian in your path and apply up to 100% of the braking power, if required, to safely stop. We had a few tries at this. The first I could fold my arms and pull my feet back and just let the car drive at speed towards a stationary (dummy) vehicle. The E-Class sent out a few warnings and then just stopped.

However, when I was approaching a human like object in my path it was way harder than I imagined to just let the car go. The first attempt I got so close and then grabbed the wheel and turned away to a safe stop. And, although I was not able to let the car take complete control, it did show how well the software has been engineered for these cars.

On the second attempt, I was able to leave the steering wheel alone. However, I still covered the brake once I got too close. I could feel the E-Class pull the pedal away from me as it applied full braking force in order to not hit the crash test dummy.

These are not autonomous vehicles. Don't think for one minute that the joy of driving a fine Mercedes is lost due to technology. Rather, they leave the driver as the ultimate control mechanism. The car will self preserve, but if you begin to intervene it will let you take control.

There are times when a full stop is not the right thing to do and collision avoidance or other solutions may be better presented. Like maybe the big truck bearing down on you might be a situation where you might choose a different action rather than tossing out the anchor and stopping. The human interface is still the most important component to driving safety.

New Touchpad Controls on the Steering Wheel

The touchpads are exceptionally sensitive and between the two of them, it feels as if you can control any function of the E-Class you have installed. There were so many menus, that yes . . . I would need to eventually breakdown and read the manual (secretly though, I still love the "What does this do?" exploration).

The other technology we tried was the active parking systems. We drove past a number of parking stalls, of which a few were empty. Having selected the parking system, the "Infotainment" screen began identifying available parking stalls. Once we found one we liked, we selected it. Then, the system asked if we wanted to nose in or back in. After the selection, hands off and let it go. Parked it beautifully. Still kind of odd to have your hands in your pocket and have the vehicle back up and park itself. The car even puts the proper turn signals on to warn others of your (its) intentions!



Meeting the 2017 E-Class (continued)

I asked about all the possibilities of error. You know, the parking rat that sneaks into your spot while you are looking to be sure you are safe. Pedestrians walking through your path and the system completely recognizes those challenges and makes sure if the spot is suddenly taken or backing is not safe, it will stop and let the driver know conditions have changed.

Heads up Display

Okay, I thought this would be a little bit of a gimmick and would be distorted due to the glass shape and sunlight conditions. But I should have known that there was no way Mercedes would have had anything but perfection here as well. The image did not appear on the glass but more like it was about halfway down the hood. It did not seem to be bothered by the setting sun glare. Even more, it is big enough and far enough away that looking at it through my glasses did not take that little eye squint needed to see the smaller numbers on the close gauges. Yeah, I am that old...

Heated Everything!

Of course, you can have the heated steering wheel and seats heated or cooled. But to be able to have hot stone massage and heated arm rest! Wow, that's luxury all the way! Then add a climate control system that can even atomize five different aromas for you, I suspect green tree pine might not be one of them!

If this is the future, I can hardly wait. Mercedes has found a unique balance of amazing technology and yet, still allows the driver to connect with the road and have ultimate control. The voice recognition available for us today is not ready for us to step into the car and provide a Voice Command address or "Take me to Bob's house". But I am certain, that Mercedes has considered something like it and will be working to find the balance of luxury technology ability and keeping the driver connected to the road.

Not once, did I feel that I had lost the control of being the driver of a fantastic machine. But it was nice to know that in the background, it was looking out for not only myself, but also everyone we share the road with. This can only make the world a safer place.



Author, Tony Millikin, on the closed course with the new E-Class. Sean Clark (right) with the new E-Class Sedan.



2016 MBCA Regional Show & Shine Sunday, August 14th



By Bruce Woloshyn

Photographs By Benjamin Keller, Bruce Woloshyn and Ian Gleadle



A bird's eye view of the 2016 MBCA Northwest Regional Show and Shine hosted by the Seattle Section at the Nile Golf Club.

I am sure some of you can relate to this. You are excited to take on a new project at work. There are lots of reasons. The subject matter. The artistic challenge. The technical challenge. Or even just the team of people that you will be working with. The only problem with the new project . . . the sheer amount of your time that it takes up. This summer, I've been working on one of those types of projects. It is one of those projects who really makes me appreciate something that has become very elusive . . . that one day off!

But, I must say, if there is only going to be one day off . . . it almost doesn't get any better than this. On Sunday, August the 14th I awoke to a sunny, clear sky and a perfect day to go for a drive down the I-5 with the

top down. My destination, the Nile Golf Course (<http://www.nileshriners.org/>) in Mountlake Terrace, Washington. The event, the Seattle Section hosted MBCA Pacific Northwest Regional Show & Shine.

It is what a "one day off" is supposed to be. T-shirt and shorts weather from the time I opened the garage door. I breezed through the border crossing as I left Canada and entered the United States. Still early enough in the day to have most of the southbound interstate almost to myself. And, as it is not often I get to take my R-107 roadster out alone, I was even able to select my own playlist for the cruise south.





2016 MBCA Regional Show & Shine

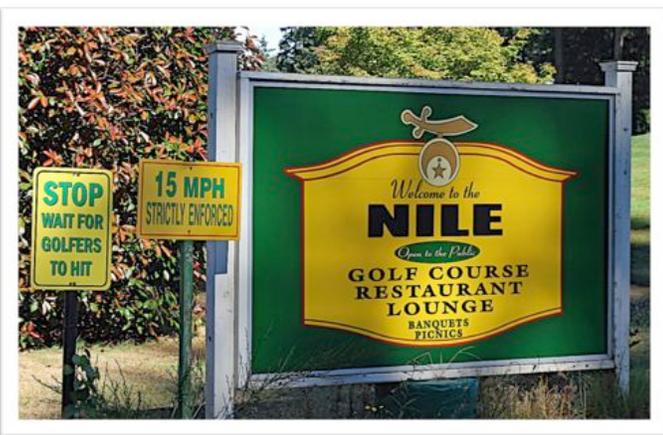
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I have wanted to attend this Regional Show & Shine for a few years now and I was certainly not disappointed. MBCA Seattle’s Paul and Debbie Ward headed the team that hosted this year’s event and I was struck by how well organized and laid out it was. The Nile Golf Course is a beautiful setting for a car show and I arrived to see a great many of the cars already staged.

As I was directed to my parking spot beside two other shiny SL’s, I smiled to realize that I wasn’t the only Canuck to have made the trip south that morning. Fellow BC Star, Nelson Go and his 1990 24-valve 300E, had already arrived and it was so good to see a familiar face.



The beautiful Nile Golf Course in Mountlake Terrace was the perfect setting for this year’s Regional event. BC Star, Nelson Go (above right), and his gleaming 1990 24-valve 300E sedan.



The Show & Shine itself was just outstanding. From the lines of amazing machines, to the bar-b-q lunch, to the prizes, to all of the various stories with the other club members . . . did I mention the bar-b-q? . . . to the tranquil setting . . . I told you about the bar-b-q, right? . . . it was simply a perfect way to spend a Sunday. . . I think the bar-b-q helped. ☺

The Seattle Section truly knows how to host an event and, to top it off, I finally got to put faces to the names of so many folks that I’d heard of and corresponded with over the last few years.



2016 MBCA Regional Show & Shine (continued)

In total, the event had over 70 cars on display and over 120 MBCA members and guests in attendance.



Ed Stern brings home the hardware with his gorgeous 1995 E 320 Cabriolet.

Prizes handed out at this year's MBCA Pacific Northwest Regional Show & Shine included:

Best of Show - Ed Stern, 1995 E 320 Cabriolet

Car Class A - Early Models

- 1st Place - Ed & Sandra Krzyzanowski, 1968 280 SE
- 2nd Place - Angus Wylie, 1960 190 DB
- 3rd Place - Heinz Streng, 1958 190 SL

Car Class B - Mid Models

- 1st Place - Kristifer Capps, 1999 500 SL
- 2nd Place - Steve and Stephanie Lloyd, 1991 500 SL
- 3rd Place - Ken Hill, 1992 500 E

Car Class C - Late Models

- 1st Place - Jeff King, 2008 CLK 63 AMG
- 2nd Place - Gerald & Keenon Greenfield, 2001 SLS
- 3rd Place - Wesley Lai, 2009 S 63 AMG





2016 MBCA Regional Show & Shine (continued)



Face to face at last. BC Benz Bulletin editor, Bruce Woloshyn, MBCA Seattle President, Jerry Cole and Seattle Silver Star editor, Ian Gleadle (above left). Perfect weather brought out the SL's at the Nile (above right).

It was, simply put, a wonderful time. My thanks to Paul and Debbie Ward, Jerry and Tracey Cole, Ian and Linda Gleadle, Benjamin Keller and David Glass for being so very welcoming and making such a special day out of it. I'd also like to thank fellow BC Star, Nelson Go, for making the trip south and helping me to *show the flag*, as it were. I've always said that the best thing I've ever received from getting this convertible is all of the wonderful people I've met. This year's MBCA Regional Show & Shine is another great example of exactly that.

A pretty awesome way to spend "that one day off". 🚗



The author's 380 SL roadster (far right) at its first MBCA Regional Show & Shine.



MBCA Members Only Upcoming Event



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Cars & Coffee

Exclusively For MBCA Members Only

Mercedes-Benz Boundary | November 12, 2016
3550 Lougheed Hwy, Vancouver

10:30am - 1:30pm

presented by
Mercedes-Benz
Vancouver Retail Group

Saturday, November 12th, 2016

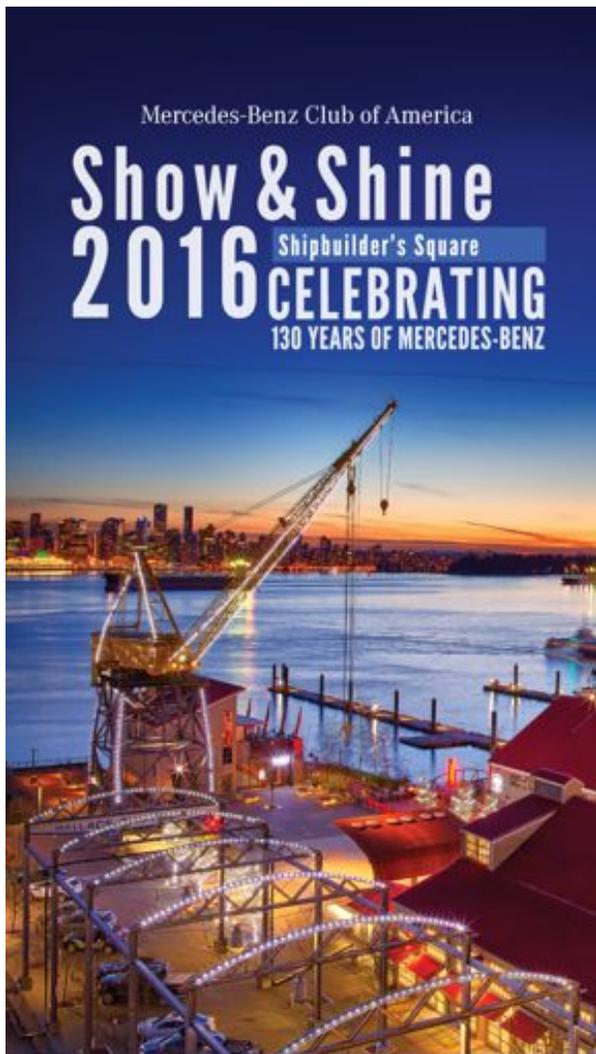


BC Stars Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine Sunday, August 28th



By Tony Millikin

Photographs By Victor Chan, Sean Clark, Bruce Woloshyn and Don Rutherford



Linda Pullyblank and Marion Rutherford greet the show's participants and guest with warm smiles.

arrive early on show morning and just make things happen. I cannot thank each of you enough for your support in making this one of the best and unique car club show and shines in the Lower Mainland.

Linda and Marion at the Registration Desk. These two amazing ladies are here year after year helping us greet our guests and start everyone's day in the best possible way. Every year they provide such valuable feedback on how to make the on-site registration and pre-registration process better.



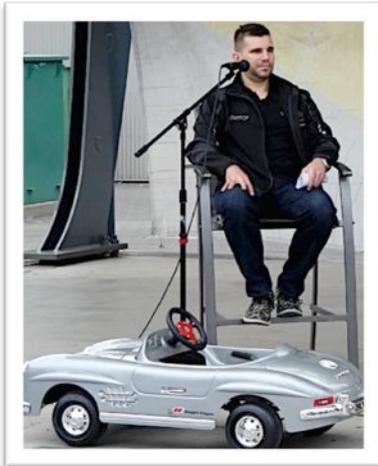
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Manfred and Marie at the Membership Desk. Manfred and Marie have been behind the Membership Desk for many events. The information they provide to our guests helps to ensure our future members begin their journey in our club with the best information possible. Their approachable and friendly nature certainly helps.

Manfred and Marie Stenzel (right), ready to explain why MBCA membership has its benefits.



Matthew Peck, whose unending energy and creative talents show us such support for our events. From arranging for prizes, to building our registration sites and even producing videos once the day is done. Don’t tell him but, I value his input, energy and participation more than he knows.





You can view the video that Matt Peck (left) created of this year’s BC Stars Show & Shine at Shipbuilder’s Square by following the following link on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yr7lZOyqUTQ&feature=youtu.be>





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Yen-Hsen Liam (right), our Voice from the stage, who has to follow along a loosely written dialog and puts it all together with what seems like a quiet ease. (I know it is a much harder job than it looks, as I did it one year!)



The quiet support of Sean Clark, our President, and also of our past president, Louis Fourie, is inspirational. In fact, it was Louis, some years ago, who looked me in the eye and nudged me into being the "Events Guy".

BC Stars Past President, Louis Fourie (left), receiving an award from MBCA Northwest Regional Director, Barry Patchett (center), and current BC Stars President, Sean Clark (right) at this year's annual Show & Shine.





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That one guy that we never get a photo of, Victor Chan! He is always taking photos of everything and always provides us with a bucket load (or Dropbox) of fantastic photos.

And, of course, to all of the others, members or not, who just arrive and setup tents, or put up signs, get coffee, help with getting cars parked on the site and even just helping to keep the site neat and tidy. So many of you just take a little ownership of this event and that is what makes it so special.

So thank you volunteers. You put on a fantastic day for our guests, and I tip my old Mercedes cap to you all. It makes me very proud to be a member of this fine organization.



Master of Ceremonies (aka The Voice), Yen-Hsen Liam (left), along with Nestor Balcé from the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group (right), know how to keep the crowd's attention . . . with prizes!





BC Stars 2016 Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine

THE STATISTICS

106 cars came through the gates this year!

- 75 cars pre-registered.
- 31 unregistered arrived on the day.
- At least 2 cars from every decade from the 1950's to current new models!
- Cars from Vancouver Island, Kelowna, Washington and even Alberta!

Close to 40 door prizes!

- Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group - Hourly door prizes as well as major door prizes for the end of the show.
- Continental Tires - For sponsoring the Continental hourly prize draws and special draws at the end of the show.
- Alex at Waxed Shine/ Everything Car Care - Large Car products gift bag.
- Edwin from True Sound - Gift Cards.
- Pier 7 - Gift Card.
- Pinnacle Hotel - Gift Card.
- Nintendo and Mario Kart - Mercedes Picnic Basket.

Sponsors:

- Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group - Nestor Balcé and the entire Team at the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group.
- Mercedes-Benz Fuel Cell Group - Klaus Berger and his team.
- Glenmore Printing - James Rowley
- Continental Tires - Faye Wilson
- Pier 7 Restaurant - Chris Ballas
- Pinnacle Hotel North Vancouver - Petr Freck
- Waxed/Shine products from Everything Car Care - Alex Hirst
- Haggerty Insurance - Todd Hutcheson
- True Sound - Edwin Halim
- Nintendo - Super Mario!

4 Major Awards

- Haggerty Insurance Peoples Choice Award - Don Rutherford
- MBCA Best Sedan Award as chosen by Participants - Zeshan Randhana
- MBCA Best Sports Car Award as chosen by Participants - Ron Price
- MBCA Participants Choice Award - Don Rutherford



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I brought my own roadster to bring Sean his treats, but I sure had fun checking out all of the other cool cars. I got to sit in some pretty sweet rides. I tried out Ahmad Gandomi's beautiful 190 SL (above) and Ron Price's awesome SLS Gullwing (below). I even got to race Nintendo Mario Kart in a 300 SL (below left).





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Rudi Koniczek Tribute Sunday, September 11th



By Louis Fourie



Left to Right: Patti Koniczek (Rudi's wife), Peter (Beppi) Bulkowski, Rudi, Joanne Caza (Mercedes-Benz Director of Communications and Public Relations) and Louis Fourie (MBCA BC Stars past president)

The September 2016 Luxury and Supercar Weekend (<http://www.luxurysupercar.com/>) at Van Dusen Gardens presented many current exotics on the upper field. But to those of us who are passionate about cars of the past, all the action was on the lower field. There were mid-style C2 Corvettes, Morgan and BMW celebrating a Centenary since their inception (in the case of BMW, with aero engines), American muscle and many other delightful sights of the past. One such car was Greg Lee's completely original 280SL, which won the Concours Award for the Mercedes-Benz Sports Car class.

Appealing as these cars were, it became obvious that there was another most significant event taking place. There was one common theme to the two Gullwings, three 300SL Roadsters, two classic 300S models, a coupe and cabriolet, an early Porsche and an Austin Healey. All these cars had gathered together to pay tribute to the man who restored or gave them a new life - Rudi Koniczek . . . and Rudi knew nothing about it.

While Rudi was being kept in the dark, his wife, daughters and restoration team were all scheming to get Rudi to Vancouver for Sunday. Orchestrating this entire event was Nigel Matthews, the most revered 'old car' nut not only in BC, but known all over North America as a judge at most of the prestigious Concours de Elegance gatherings.

The reason for this tribute is that Rudi has announced that he has sold his business to a group with multiple automotive interests in the Pacific North West (to be formally announced in due course). This small shop on Vancouver Island has grown solely by praise from his contented 300SL customers.



Rudi Koniczek Tribute

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Left to Right: Janet Roethe, Rudi and Greg Lee.

Rudi’s lifelong passion with automobiles led to an expansive model building collection resulting from employment at a hobby store and being paid in models rather than cash. As a teen, he showed part of his collection to the President of Mercedes-Benz Canada in Toronto. This cigar smoking executive asked Rudi what kind of career future he was planning and got a short answer – “Your job”. He was immediately signed on as a lot boy, transferring into an apprenticeship once out of school.

JoAnne Caza, Director of Mercedes-Benz Communications and Public Relations, participated with Nigel in celebrating the close relationship Rudi has had with Mercedes-Benz. JoAnne had her own special treat for Rudi. Also out from Toronto with JoAnne was Peter Bulkowski,

nicknamed Beppi, who had joined MB not long after Rudi. Beppi and Rudi became the closest of friends and Rudi was absolutely speechless seeing his old pal again.

There is little doubt that this tribute caught Rudi completely by surprise and it was rewarding to have his wife, children and employees share the moment. Having his old pal Beppi drop in was the icing on the cake. The presence of nine exquisite cars that received the Rudi touch was a bonus for all show attendees and we thank their owners for sharing them with us. I am sure Rudi agrees that Nigel Matthews is to be commended for such a personal tribute to his rewarding career and association with Mercedes-Benz.



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The story of Rudi Koniczek
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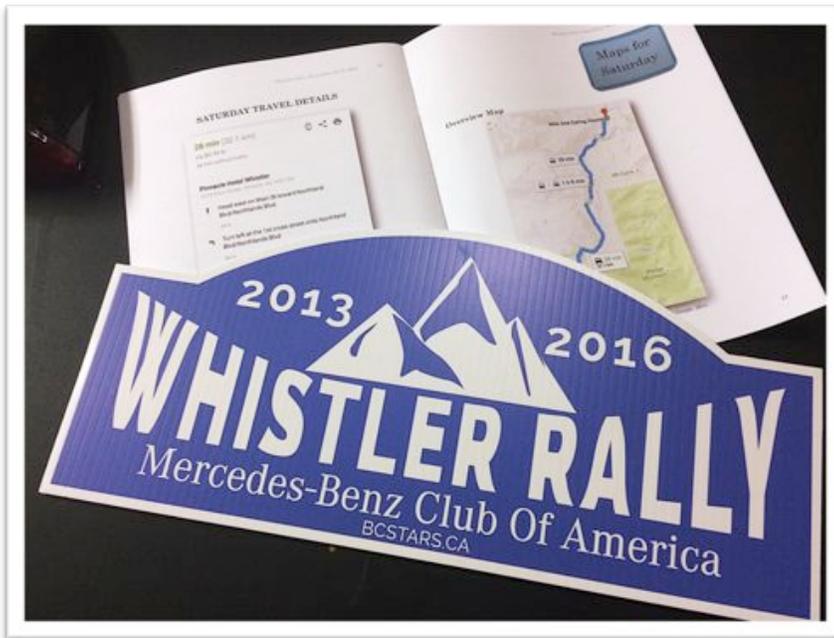
BC Stars 2016 Whistler Run

Friday, September 16th to Sunday, September 18th



By Sean Clark

Photographs By Marie Stenzel, Matthew Peck and Sean Clark



The Whistler Run, our season's end drive.

Once again, another impeccably organized and executed event by Marie and Manfred Stenzel. This year was a little different from previous years. Manfred arranged another super deal for us at the Pinnacle Hotel in Whistler (<http://www.whistlerpinnacle.com/>). We all elected to drive straight up to Whistler on the sunny Friday afternoon and the early evening.

What a great feeling to leave the city behind us and head up the Sea-To-Sky Highway with the top down! Our hosts, the Stenzels, were on hand to meet us as we arrived, with an elegant selection of

food and drinks in our own reception room, beautifully decorated by Marion and Don Rutherford.

It was a wonderful greeting for our participants. As more of us arrived, Manfred appeared with frying pans of hot German sausages. It was a nice surprise, especially for our Seattle - German friends, Udo and Gabrielle Storck, who drove all the way to another country, just to discover a home-style treat. Matthew Peck brought his father Joe, from Los Angeles, for his second Whistler Tour with the Club.

With cold and rain, the weather didn't start out very kindly for us the next morning. We were determined, nonetheless, that nothing would stop our drive to Pemberton for coffee. Fortified by a lovely continental breakfast laid out by Manfred and Marie, we were an optimistic group of nine cars, six of which were convertibles. But, as it turned out, we did have at least eight umbrellas amongst us. We were fully prepared.

Our MB "Rally Packs" were handed out to each car. Inside, the indispensable Joseph Anthony Whistler Tour Guidebook, the nifty new and beautifully blue rally plaques by Matt Peck, a Mercedes water bottle, and a very appropriate gift from the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group, a very tasteful coffee mug! Thank you all.



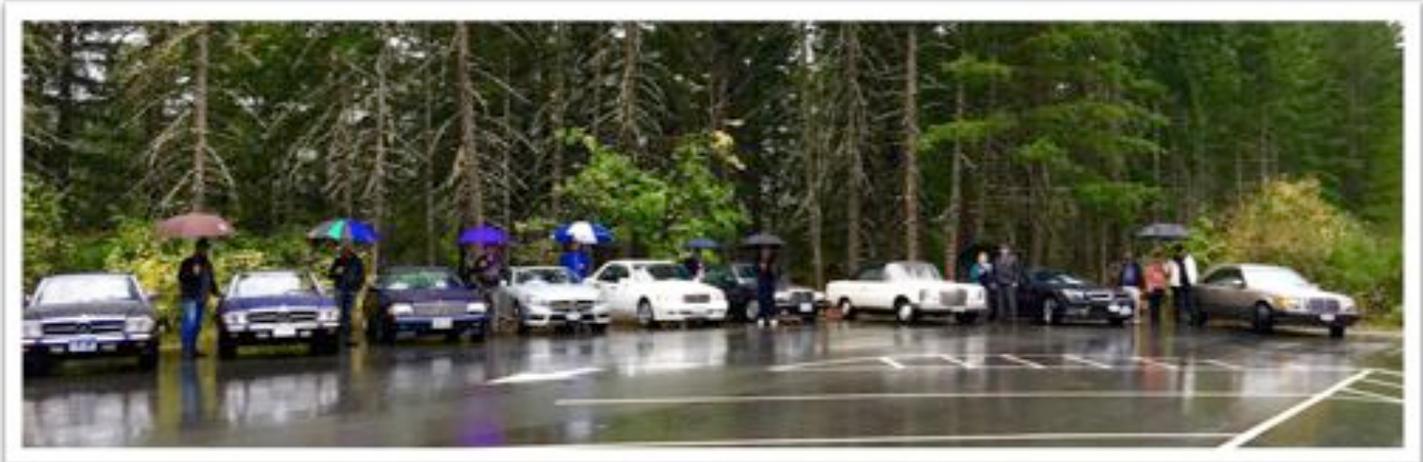
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Manfred led the pack, through the misty countryside, past lakes and mountains. Sleepy Pemberton was quiet, except for our destination, the Blackbird Bakery (<http://www.blackbirdbread.com/>). What a great choice for a wet day. The coffee was dark, rich and hot. The food was wonderful too.

As we drove back to Whistler, Matt Peck captured some magnificent shots of Udo Storck's 1972 280 SE against a backdrop of towering mountains, shrouded in clouds. In spite of the rain, we found a place along the highway to pose for some fun photos of cars and umbrellas.





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By the time we ended our drive back to Whistler, the rain had almost stopped. Once again, Manfred had arranged for our exclusive parking along the storefronts and promenade by the Fairmont Whistler Hotel. It was a great spot to sit outside and chat while we wined and dined a bit. Some were lured away by beckoning stores, of course.





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On our Saturday night, the formal dinner was again at the delightful Caramba Restaurant (<http://www.carambarestaurant.com/>) - best calamari, ever!! Many, many thanks to Manfred for setting that up.

Nestor Balcé and the Vancouver Area Mercedes-Benz Retail Group generously provided a number of exceptional door prizes - no umbrellas this time, but the scarf and glove sets were very well received. Thank you. On this occasion, our Club President took the time to thank Udo Storck for his gift to our Section, and Joseph Anthony in particular. Udo and Gabrielle enjoyed Joseph's tours of Leavenworth, Washington and the Okanagan Wineries so much, that he painted a picture of

the BC vineyards, to present to Joseph. Unfortunately, Joseph was unable to be there, personally.

The following morning, we were once again treated to a wonderful light breakfast, before we bid our farewells. Some of us stayed on to enjoy a beautiful sunny day in Whistler. For the rest of us, it was lovely and relaxed drive home.

I must thank everyone for their contributions, but I cannot thank Manfred and Marie enough, for their dedicated hard work and planning to make this a memorable and exceptional event.

Marion Rutherford summed it up, “. . . *I really feel this brought us much closer together as a group.*”





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PRESS RELEASE



Mercedes-Benz Canada Posts Record-Breaking September and Third Quarter Results

TORONTO, ON – Mercedes-Benz Canada and its national dealer network are pleased to announce the company's best September ever, with a total of 4,588 units sold representing a month-over-month increase of 9.5%. These exceptional results allowed Mercedes-Benz Canada to achieve its best-ever third quarter: 12,523 units were delivered between July and September 2016, up from 11,448 over the same period in 2015. Year-to-date, 36,610 units have been retailed, an increase of 8.6%.

In September, Mercedes-Benz retailed 3,591 passenger cars and luxury light trucks, which contributed to year-to-date unit sales of 30,888, up 5.0% compared to last year. A total of 1,893 Mercedes-Benz passenger cars were delivered during the month. The new generation C-Class Coupe, in particular, yielded an astonishing 380.6% increase in sales. The facelifted SLC and SL also achieved notable sales, growing by 33.3% and 116.7% month-over-month. Luxury light truck sales were up by 11.2% year-over-year, with 14,608 units sold. September generated particularly strong sales of the GLE Coupe, the G-Class and the GLS, which were up 92.6%, 450.0% and 109.2% respectively.

Mercedes-Benz Vans reported the best September results on record with 597 units delivered for a 5.5% month-over-month increase. Year-to-date, the division has retailed 4,387 vans, or 636 additional units sold, which represented growth of 17.0%. These stellar results were supported by a 66.7% month-over-month sales increase of the Sprinter Cab Chassis.

smart reported a total of 400 vehicles sold in September, supported by sizable captive units earmarked for car2go. Year-to-date, 1,335 smart fortwo vehicles have been delivered, up 141.8%.

The Mercedes-Benz Pre-Owned division reported another record-breaking September with 1,546 units sold for an increase of 2.9%, month-over-month. These results represented year-to-date sales of 12,323 units, up from 11,881 in 2015 for an increase of 3.7%.

"I am extremely pleased with our September and third quarter results," said Brian D. Fulton, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Canada. "We have already achieved some great milestones so far this year and I would like to thank our dealer network for a job well one. I count on everyone's support to maintain this tremendous pace and look forward to seeing strong results throughout the upcoming months."

About Mercedes-Benz Canada

Mercedes-Benz Canada is responsible for the sales, marketing and service of the Mercedes-Benz and AMG passenger vehicles, Mercedes-Benz Vans and smart. Headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc. employs approximately 1,500 people in 21 locations across Canada. Through a nationwide network of 11 Mercedes-Benz owned retail operations and 46 authorized dealerships, Mercedes-Benz Canada sold 44,526 vehicles in 2015. This represents the best year ever for the company and has positioned Mercedes-Benz as the top luxury manufacturer in Canada for the second consecutive year.

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

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Mercedes-Benz AMG All-Electric Model



By Brad Anderson

<http://www.carscoops.com/>

Mercedes-AMG Confirms It Will Roll Out An All-Electric Model

Mercedes-AMG will create a new all-electric supercar acting as the spiritual successor to the SLS E-Cell.

At the ongoing Paris Auto Show, Mercedes-Benz launched its EQ sub-brand, dedicated to electric vehicles. While Mercedes-Benz badged models will be the first to join the EQ family, AMG will follow suit in the future.

While speaking with *Drive* at the show, Mercedes-AMG chairman Tobias Moers said that an all-electric AMG won't arrive in the next few years but will become a reality at some stage.

“There is no plan for 2020 to have an electrified car, but if you ask me that question you will always get the answer that sooner or later there will be a pure electric driven AMG, because that's going to happen,” he confirmed. “For sure it's a trade off between efficiency and performance, and for other cars as well. There will be an AMG pure electric car but I don't know when. Because otherwise AMG will disappear as a brand.”

The only electric production car previously produced by Mercedes-AMG is the SLS Electric Drive. Although it was only built in limited numbers, it is still the electric production car record holder around the Nurburgring, despite being engineered six years ago.

Before an electric AMG arrives, the performance sub-brand of Mercedes-Benz will launch its Formula 1-powered hybrid hypercar.



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