

# MBCA BC Stars

## BC Benz Bulletin

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 print newsletter for all of North America. I am certainly honoured 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.



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

Honoured to Edit Your *Bulletin*,  
Bruce Woloshyn

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# Winter President's Message



A Happy New Year to our Members!

Before we move forward however, I would like to thank everyone for a spectacularly successful 2015 year for our Section. Not only did you rally together enthusiastically to make our regular events better than ever, but I was so pleased to see the personal initiatives to embrace new ideas.

The unprecedented recognition we received this year was due to your hospitality and selfless dedication. I can tell you we have made an impact not only within the Club, but also with the public.

I was very proud to be your President when last week I belatedly received a personally written Christmas card from Elisabeth and Fred Smits. As you will remember, they were the delightful couple travelling the world in their 1957 Ponton.

Louis Fourie put them up at his house for part of their stay in Vancouver. They were very impressed by our Members and had such a great time that they stayed for the German Car Festival.

Furthermore, I was honoured to represent our Section, jointly presenting a cheque to the Harvest Project of North Vancouver. Our efforts to help raise money at the Festival were well received.

Our Annual Awards Dinner in January was an evening of good cheer and warm spirits. "I'll bet there were spirits!" you say. You would be right, but that's not all.

Our Regional Director, Barry Patchett, was very pleased to be on hand, to personally present awards to our Members. Not only were Matthew Peck and Tony Millikin given awards, but also Barry was proud to present the National Communication Award to Bruce Woloshyn for "First Place, Best Print Newsletter"!!!

Our Club has come closer together as we worked with one another to make our events a success this past year. Even more so, our member-driven Sunday Drive events have been a great way to socialize on a relaxed, casual basis. My thanks to all the organizers and helpers.

My thanks to our Officers and those others who worked tirelessly and quietly behind the scenes.

A special thanks to Marie Stenzel for making sure things are up to date and ship-shape. Special thanks also, to Nestor Balcé of the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group, not only for his generous support, but for his valuable advice, too.



As we move forward this year, I see an eagerness to make this yet another remarkable year. Joseph is hard at work on planning this year's Okanagan Wine Tour in May. We already have our American Cousins excited about coming up for a visit. It's my hope that we get even more of a Canadian turnout this year - Joseph puts on quite an event!

For those of us who like to drive our cars, Ian Gleadle of the Seattle Section has organized a beautiful drive up the Sunshine Coast and back this coming July. This is one I think we would all enjoy, and once again, a chance to meet the larger MBCA regional community. I hope you'll join us.

Tony Millikin is already drawing his plans for the BC Stars Show and Shine on August 28<sup>th</sup>. As usual, and who's going to argue with success, it'll be "rain or shine" at Shipbuilder's Square.

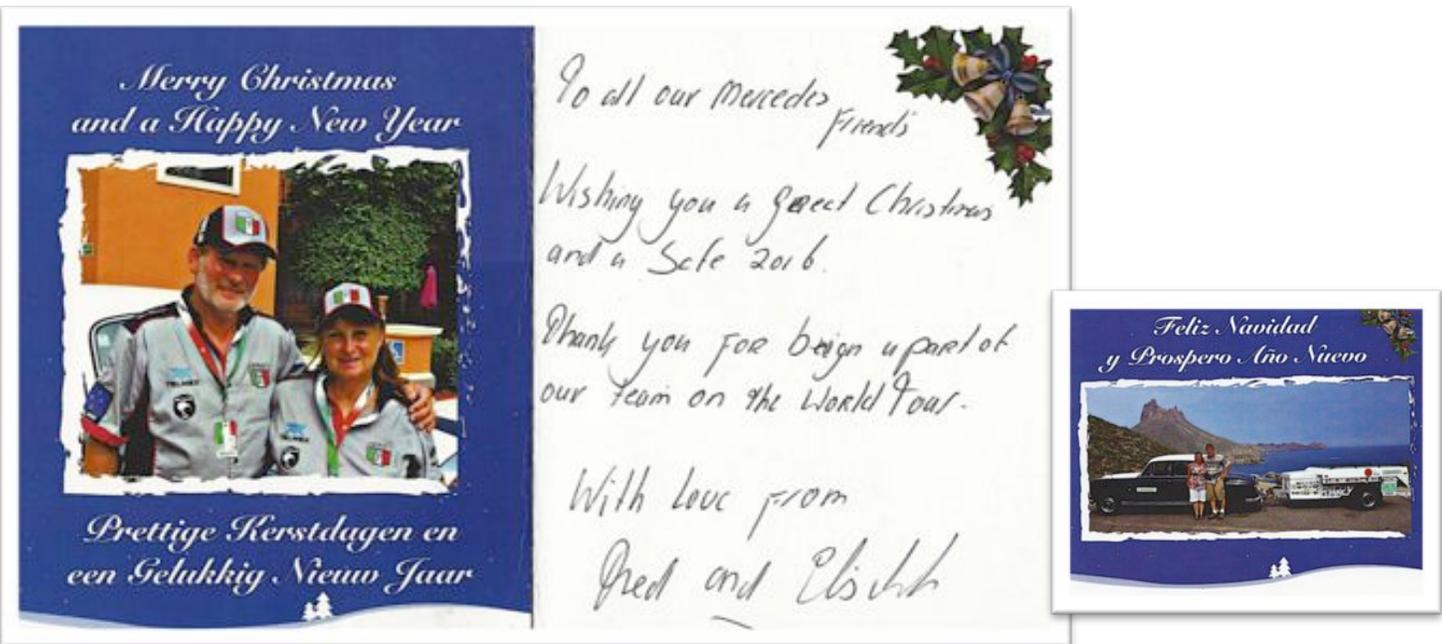
With the unqualified success of our Sunday Drives last year, I expect there will be more opportunities to enjoy each other's company and a nice drive.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming months of 2016.

Happy Motoring!

*Sean Clark*

President  
BC Stars  
MBCA British Columbia Section



*Fred and Elisabeth designed these cards in Oaxaca (Mexico), had them printed there and they were hand-cut and folded. Elisabeth spent two days writing over a 100 cards in Mexico City and mailed them on December 5<sup>th</sup>, just before they flew home. During the last few weeks the cards are slowly arriving in Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.A.*



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

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Vancouver International Auto Show  
Vancouver Convention Centre - Vancouver, British Columbia  
For more information:  
<http://vancouverinternationalautoshow.com/>
- April 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic and Custom Car Show  
Tradex Trade and Exhibition Centre - Abbotsford, British Columbia  
For more information:  
<http://www.bccustomcarshow.com/>
- May 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 MBCA Seattle Section Pendleton Weekend  
Regional MBCA event in historic Pendleton, Oregon.  
This will not be your average drive and eat event.  
For more information:  
<http://www.mbcaseattle.org/pendleton-weekend.html>
- May 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 MBCA BC Stars: BC Wine Country Weekend  
Osoyoos and the southern Okanogan Valley, British Columbia  
Details forthcoming at <http://bcstars.mbca.org/upcoming-events>
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 All British Field Meet  
VanDusen Botanical Garden - Vancouver, British Columbia  
For more information:  
[http://www.westerndriver.com/?page\\_id=7885](http://www.westerndriver.com/?page_id=7885)
- June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

## 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>





MBCA Regional Event Hosted By The Seattle Section - By Rick & Patti Tuttle

# The Pendleton Weekend



Join us for a regional event in historic Pendleton, Oregon. This will not be your average drive and eat event, although there will be plenty of good gastronomic delights. Rather, you will learn some amazing facts about the history and culture of the Wild West. And wild it was! You will even have the opportunity to experience a bit of what it was like to live in the times.

Our weekend starts at 2:30 PM on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pendleton Woolen Mills where we will take a tour of the factory and visit the factory store. Our lodging will be just east of town at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino. Dinner will be at Sundown Bar and Grill Barbecue Restaurant in downtown Pendleton, where a chef favorite is the BBQ Rattle Snake & Rabbit Sausage. After dinner there will be free time for you to gamble your life savings away, boogie in the casino's sports bar, or take in a movie at the resorts multiplex cinema. Of course we will have a hospitality suite open with Walla Walla wine and other delights.

Saturday morning we will have a guided tour of the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute to learn about the Native American culture of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes. The institute offers a 10,000-year voyage in a single morning. The tour is \$6 USD per person. Lunch will be on your own back at the resort or in downtown Pendleton. We meet again at either 2:45 PM or 3:15 PM, depending on your scheduled time, to tour the Pendleton Underground where you will learn about Pendleton's wild and seedy underbelly. This two hour guided tour is nothing like Seattle's tour because the underground was created for a completely different purpose. This one is far superior! The tour also takes you above ground for a thorough education in the brothel business. As an added bonus, the entire tour will be populated by actors in period costume. After the tour we will have a dinner buffet together in downtown at Hamleys Steak House with a free evening to follow. The buffet will be Bunkhouse Pasta or Herb Roasted Pork Loin and comes with a choice of House Caesar or Cranberry Spinach Salad and coffee for \$34 USD. A no host bar will also be available.

The underground tour always sells out but we have reserved 40 slots that will be held until April 1st. **You must call to make your own reservations by that date to guarantee your tour.** The tour is \$50 USD per person and you must mention that you are part of the Mercedes-Benz Club when you call and select a time. (541) 276-0730. We also have a group rate at the resort for lodging of \$113.36 USD + 9% tax which you will also need to book by calling: (800) 654-9453. These are nice rooms in the new tower with stunning views of the valley. Also, mention the club when booking your room. Please complete the registration form below and send in by May 1st. Questions to Rick Tuttle at [webmiester77@me.com](mailto:webmiester77@me.com) or call (509) 386-8447.

**Pendleton Weekend May 13 - 15th Registration**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Mill Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Center Tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Underground Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10.00 per person. \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet at \$34.00 per person. Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to MBCA Seattle Section. Please RSVP by May 1st.  
 Mail to: MBCA c/o Rick Tuttle 11 N Clinton St., Walla Walla WA. 99362



# Sunday Fun Day

## Cars, Cameras & Camaraderie



By Sean Clark

Photographs By Matthew Peck, Victor Chan and Sean Clark



Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Never let it be said that we can't do things because of the weather. Our latest Sunday Drive event was a great success! Matthew Peck came up with his "Sunday Fun Day" event proposal, and he was eagerly taken up on it.

Matt combined a morning of coffee, cruising, photo-shoots, and a satisfying hot brunch in trendy Kitsilano.

Six cars met at Queensborough Landing Mall. Outside the Starbucks, it was still almost dark and the rain was driving down in gusts. Overwhelmingly, we had decided to go ahead, rain or shine. Every one of us was looking forward to a chance to go for a drive as a group. Section V.P. Tony Millikin had just bought his "new" 2008 CLK350 Designo, the week before. We had a new member along with us as well. Peter De Witt joined us with his SL500, for his first event. The rest of us? Jeff Schindler is a diehard who doesn't baby his SL550 and I suspect Don Rutherford and I both can't resist putting our cars in front of a camera.



# Sunday Fun Day (continued)



Matt has an eye for what works visually and we followed his W124 AMG Coupe along River Road until we came across a rustic looking train trestle and swing bridge over the river to Lulu Island. Matt knew just what he wanted. Tripod and camera appeared, and before we could get out of our cars and pass out umbrellas, he was already shooting and placing us where he wanted us. It was still a bit dark and gloomy out, but our car lights added colour and contrast.

Our group was relatively small. Five cars, plus Matt's, was deemed to be a manageable size, given our shooting venues, and our timeline. We were finished at the bridge quite quickly, and set off in our convoy to UBC and the next photo location. The rain started to lessen as we made our way along River Road, past the weathered old buildings and the wooden vessels, long past their usefulness. Crossing the river over the Oak Street Bridge, we were soon following South West Marine Drive, past the magnificent mansions and posh homes of South Kerrisdale on our way to the University.

*Matt and his Sunday Fun Day Crew show the world their Sunday Drive adventure on social media, via the club's Facebook page (above).*

glamour photos. Some of us helped out as best we could and Don, with his movie-biz experience, helped "direct" part of the shoot.





# Sunday Fun Day (continued)



*Matthew Peck (far left) and his BC Stars Sunday Fun Day Crew have a well-deserved Sunday Brunch at Deacon's Corner in Vancouver.*

The place was busy and I was not surprised! The menu was pure 'comfort food'. My choice was Steak & Eggs, with baked beans, hash browns, and toast, and coffee - lots of hot coffee! We had a great time eating and recalling our day together. Good food, great company, lots of fun, and the pictures to prove it!

Our thanks to Matt Peck for putting this together and taking the photographs. We look forward to seeing Matt's finished products, in the newsletter or on Facebook. It was such a "Fun Day", I think we're going to want to do this again. ☺

It took a little while to shoot every car. We were starting to get a bit cold and hungry and we began to think of the brunch awaiting us. Quickly, we lined the cars up for a group photo, before the convoy left for food. Matt had booked a table for us at nearby Deacon's Corner, at Broadway and Trutch.





# Sunday Fun Day: A Photo Essay

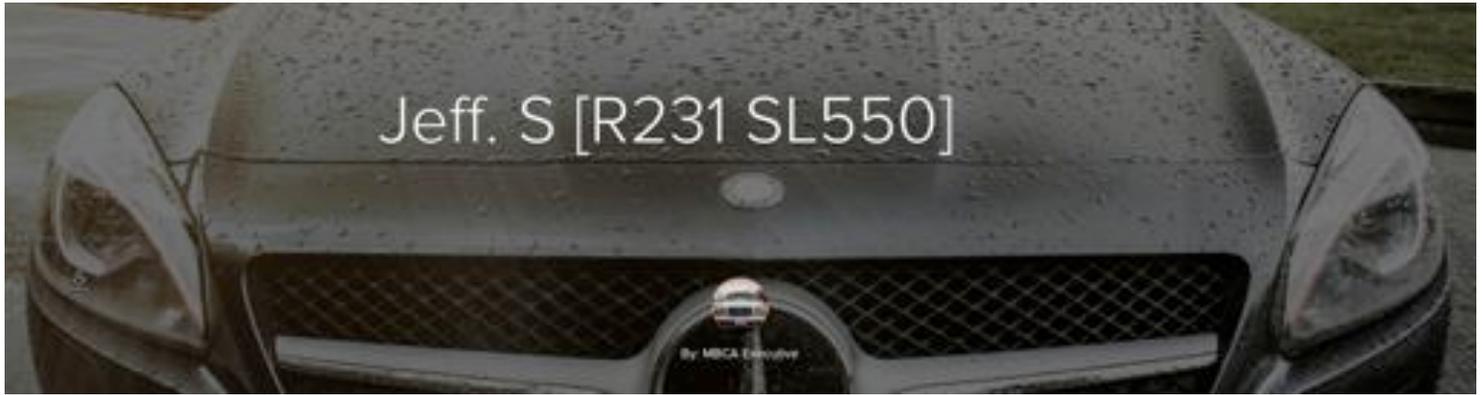
Photography By Matthew Peck





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Photography By Matthew Peck (continued)





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# Metris Test Drive



By Sean Clark

Earlier this winter, I was invited to test drive MB's latest commercial offering to North America, the Metris van.

Already a success in Europe, this is a new competitor in Canada to the Nissan and Ford entries in the small cargo and commercial passenger arena.

"Small" is not really the word, the passenger van seats up to eight people, with room for suitcases. It seems even larger, as there is a sliding door on each side and seats are removable.

My personal guide, Levi Dahora, proudly showed me around and answered questions. Right now it seems, Mercedes is "testing the market". The van is presented in a somewhat low level of trim, and not many options are available just now. "This is more of a commercial people mover", it was explained to me, not a luxury SUV.



*Sean Clark checking out the newest Mercedes-Benz commercial entry in the North American Market.*

The only engine offered is a gasoline, turbocharged, 2 Litre 4 cylinder, putting out about 200 hp. Europe has diesels. This drives the rear wheels through a 7-speed transmission. 4-matic is not an option yet, but it is possible down the road. In fact, the platform is the same as the C300 sedan, so MB has what they need to make it available.

In keeping with its commercial nature, the controls are simple, well laid out and not flashy. It does, however, have a lane departure technology package available, and backup camera is standard. On the road, there is plenty of power. It accelerates very briskly. Engine noise is audible, but never sounds strained. This van is a convenient size in traffic, yet roomy inside. The seats are comfortable, no seat bolsters for spirited driving, but they do have arms like Captain's chairs.

Easy to manoeuvre in traffic, the turning circle is remarkably tight, great for the city! I can see this being very popular for hotels, taxis, and transporting small tour groups. The sliding side door on the right, is opened by a power assist. The left side is manual. Both open very wide. The rear door can be optioned as either a liftgate or in "barn door" configuration.



# Metris Test Drive

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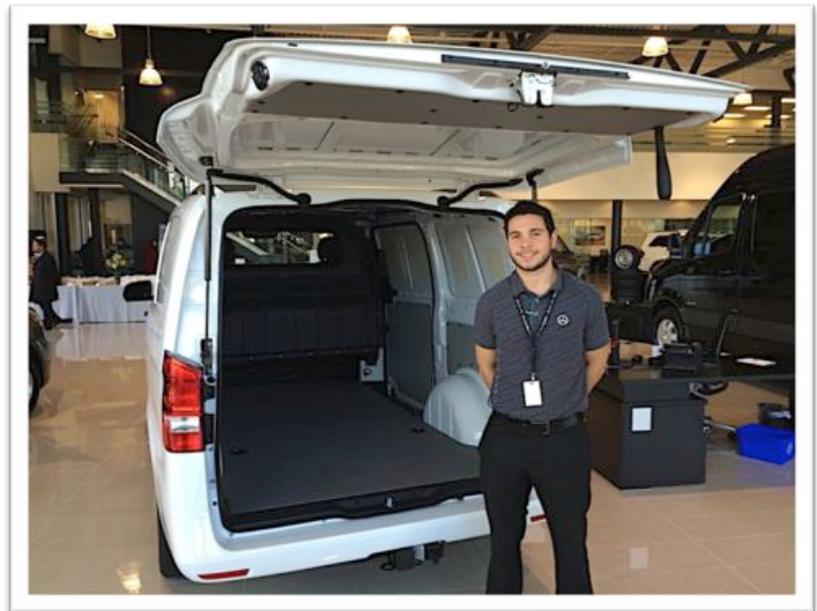
Back at the dealership, I had a look at the cargo van version. As a tradesman's van, it has useful features. The van is low enough to fit into underground parkades, yet it is roomy inside. Standard equipment is a secure steel bulkhead behind the two front seats. A glass observation panel is optional, but less secure. The cargo floor is finished in durable wood, protecting the steel beneath, and lending itself to installation of custom cabinets and shelving. Mercedes-Benz of Vancouver has an arrangement with Sterling Outfitters to install aluminum shelving, specifically designed to fit the contours of the Metris. Ladder racks can be mounted to fittings on the roof. A tow package is also available.

The cargo van comes standard with one sliding door, the second sliding side door is optional. As with the passenger version, rear doors are available in two configurations, and with or without glass.

How much does it cost to have "The Best" in small commercial vans? The cargo version starts at under \$38,000.00 CDN and the passenger van just under \$42,000.00 CDN.

I would love to see these offered with a diesel and 4-matic. Hopefully they will be if Canadians recognise the value in owning these well thought out Mercedes.

My thanks to the Mercedes-Benz Van Group for inviting me for the test drive.



*Sean's host for his Metris van new-vehicle tour and test drive was Mr. Levi Dahora.*

*Levi is a Sales Specialist for Mercedes-Benz Vans. He develops strategic relationships for the MB Vans Team with Trades and Trade Associations.*



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The best or nothing.



# LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN® 2016



## The Legend Continues

Legends of the Autobahn® is a celebration of the world's pre-eminent German vehicle brands – Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi. Participants are invited to revel in the beauty, prowess and grace of German automotive engineering, catch sneak-peeks of new vehicle releases and savor the rare models each marque will have on display.

## Celebrating Performance and Motorsports

For 2016, Mercedes-Benz at Legends of the Autobahn will feature a special performance class for cars that have been modified or tuned. This includes cars that have been modified for performance and/or appearance, such as pre-merger models from AMG, or modified Mercedes-Benz from Lorinser or Brabus. Mercedes-Benz automobiles used in racing are also invited to participate.

*Don't miss  
this year's Legends.*

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM to 3 PM  
Nicklaus Club  
Monterey, California**



For more information on how to register your Mercedes-Benz for the judged Concours, the display-only corral, or the Silver Star Preservation Class, visit [www.legendsoftheautobahn.com](http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.com) or contact Allen Stephens at (503) 708-0397 or [allen.c.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:allen.c.stephens@gmail.com)



# VCCC Boxing Day Run

By Sean Clark



*The 2015 Vintage Car Club of Canada Boxing Day Run began at the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre.*

Holidays are always a great time to get together with family and friends and just hang out or go for a drive. So, that's exactly what we did.

The Vintage Car Club of Canada was started in British Columbia in 1958. It was a loose grouping of people with old cars, any old cars.

Car enthusiasts are the same everywhere. We all admire a beautiful piece of machinery and we appreciate the owners who put in the time and effort, and not a little bit of money, to keep them going.

Along the way, enthusiasts tend to cross paths. Helen Poon whom many of our members know, owns various different marques at one time. Her usual mode of transportation seems to be a 1937 Rolls Royce.

Helen has dabbled in Mercedes-Benz at times and also currently owns an R129 300SL.

Helen thoughtfully invited me, as an Old-timer, to participate in the Vintage Club Boxing Day Run. My car being a '92, was easily the newest car there.

We gathered in the parking lot of the Vancouver Planetarium as a staging and display area prior to the drive. A cold wet day, nevertheless there were close to 50 cars there of all sorts. Not one, but two, 1937 Rolls Royce's, various other RR's, Bentley's, and several other British notables. We were also treated to beautiful Americana. Packards and Buicks circa 1940, gave way to powerful Chryslers, Packards, and others of the Fins & Chrome 50's era. My favourite was a beautiful '56 Continental Mk. II.

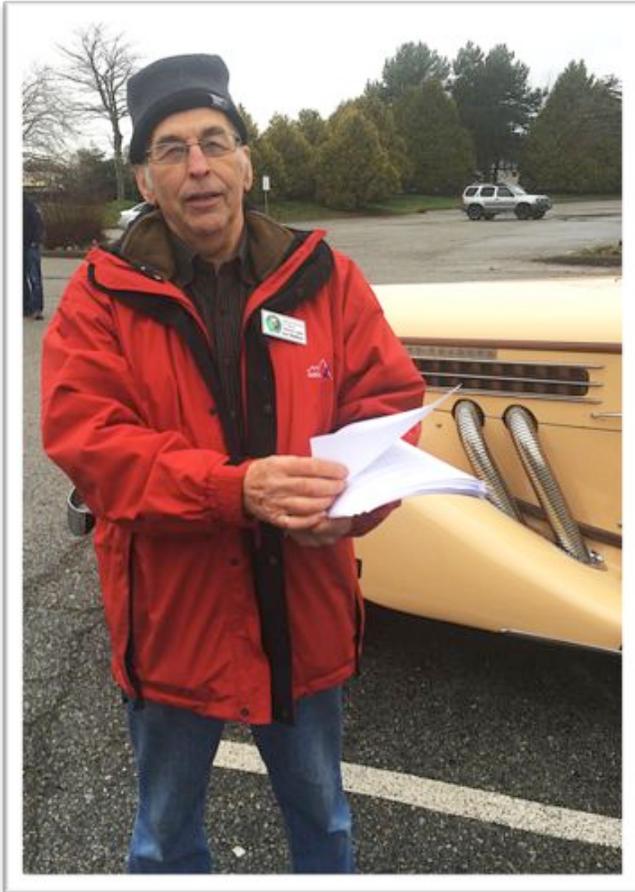
Our MBCA BC Member, Gary Hawthorn is also the Events Chair for the VCCC. Gary brought his 1981 380SL and acted as my guide for the day.

Gary introduced me to the oldest cars there that day, a 1912 Reo, and a 1914 Ford Model T. Ken Findlay, the amiable gentleman who demonstrated starting the Ford, claimed to have had it since new.



# VCCC Boxing Day Run

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*BC Stars member and VCCC Events Chair, Gary Hawthorn, greets attendees as they arrive on Boxing Day.*

The second part of the event, was the 45-minute “Mystery Drive”.

These cars were all meant to be driven and their owners, who braved the rain, were proud to do so.

We were all given a sheet of instructions to follow on our route from the Planetarium, through Stanley Park, ending at the Burnaby Central Railway.

The cars all duly left the parking lot, one at a time. Their capabilities were quite varied. I have to admit that I was gritting my teeth a bit as I followed the 1912 Reo on its majestic but slow journey across the Burrard Street Bridge. I was relieved when there was an opening in traffic to pass it. I found that the 1967 Thunderbird now in front of me was another matter. It was hard to keep up to him.

Everywhere we went, the cars brought smiles and waves.

By now, the rain was pouring down. I followed the group on a leisurely tour of Stanley Park, but without a navigator, I couldn’t read the route instructions and just followed the Thunderbird in front. By the time we were in downtown traffic, it was clear we were off course, and just headed straight to Burnaby.

The Burnaby Central Railway is a narrow gauge railway operated and maintained by volunteers. It’s located at the north end of Willingdon Avenue, at Penzance (<http://www.burnabyrailway.org/>).

The staff was kind enough to open specially for the occasion. We all huddled inside at the Rainbow creek Station for cookies and hot coffee to warm up. After a bit of socialising, we boarded the train for a wonderful ride.

The day was rather chilly and damp, but a great time was had by VCCC Members and families. My thanks to the hospitality of Gary Hawthorn and the VCCC for a memorable Boxing Day.

Vintage Car Club of Canada web site: <http://vancouver.vccc.com/>



# VCCC Boxing Day Run Photo Gallery

Photos by Sean Clark





# 2016 MBCA BC Stars Annual Dinner and Awards

By Sean Clark



Our recent 2016 BC Stars Annual Dinner and Awards was a great success.

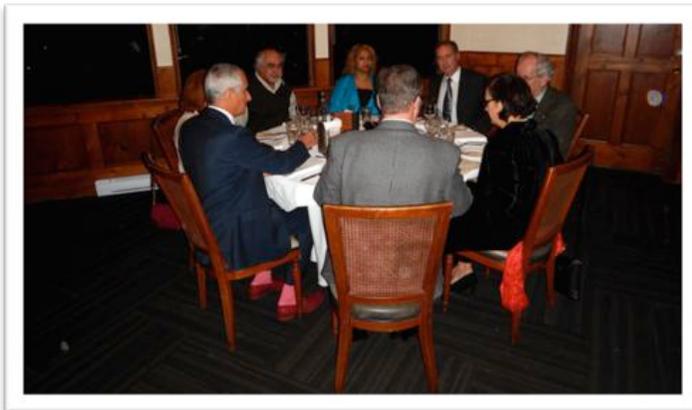
Members, Gary and Linda Pullyblank, organized yet another superb evening for us at the *Seasons in the Park Restaurant* (<https://www.vancouverdine.com/seasons/>). It was a delightful social gathering, with everyone looking their finest. Our MBCA Northwest Regional Director, Barry Patchett, was gracious enough to come all the way from Vancouver Island to present awards, personally, to our deserving members.

Matthew Peck was very deservedly awarded “Member of the Year” for his outstanding contributions and involvement this year. In

particular, Matt created wonderful graphics and an impressive interactive on-line Registration Page for promoting the BC Stars Annual Show & Shine. Well done!

BC Section Vice-President, Tony Millikin, received an award for “Event Excellence” in recognition of his outstanding organization of the Shipbuilder’s Square Show & Shine. His vision and organization of Sponsor and Technical presentations took his event to unprecedented heights. Thank you, Tony!

Matthew Peck also received the “MaTV” Media Award, for his spectacular video of the Shipbuilder’s Square event. Matt, you made us all look great! Matt’s on-line video: <http://youtu.be/nq40lsjR6yQ>

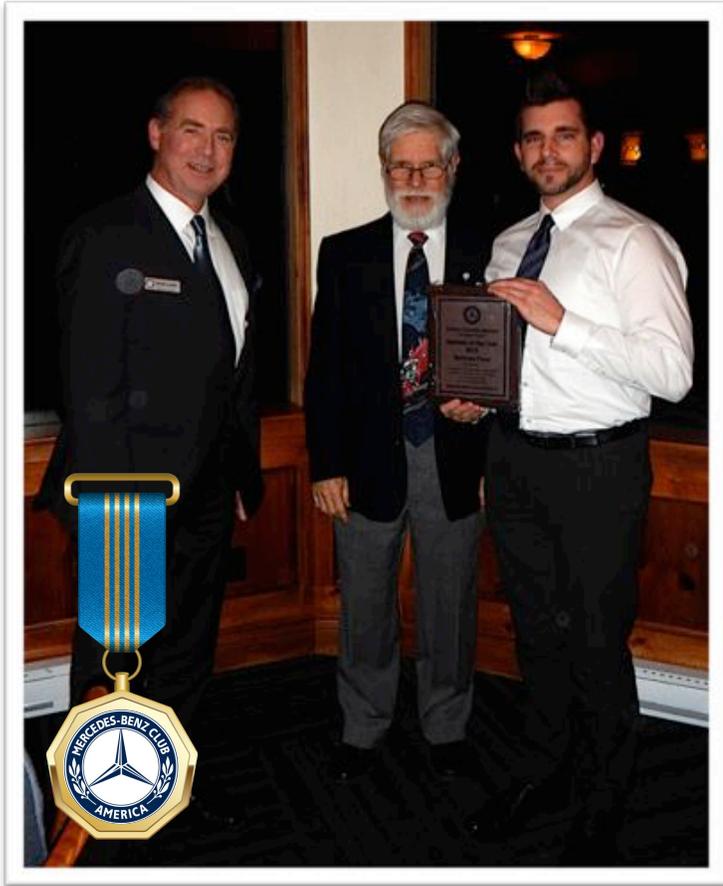




# Annual Dinner and Awards



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*MBCA BC Stars President, Sean Clark, was pleased to be joined by MBCA Northwest Regional Director, Barry Patchett, to present the awards at this year's BC Stars Annual Dinner held at Vancouver's beautiful Seasons In The Park.*

*For this year's awards, Matthew Peck was presented with "2015 Member of the Year".  
In recognition of outstanding achievement in furthering the club's goals and aims  
and contributing to the general well-being of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.*

*This year's awards presentation also included Tony Millikin, receiving an award for "Event Excellence" in recognition of his  
outstanding organization of the 2015 MBCA Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine.  
Tony's vision for the event and organization of the Sponsor and Technical presentations took this event to unprecedented heights.*





# Annual Dinner and Awards



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Our Newsletter Editor, Photographer and Ace Reporter for the evening, Bruce Woloshyn, was surprised with an award himself. Barry Patchett was very proud to present Bruce with the First Place, MBCA National Award, for the “Best Print Newsletter” for his work on the *BC Benz Bulletin*. This National award is prestigious not only for Bruce and BC, but for our entire Region. Well done, Bruce!

Cathy Browne was the lucky winner of a nice door prize donated by member, Sean Robertson.

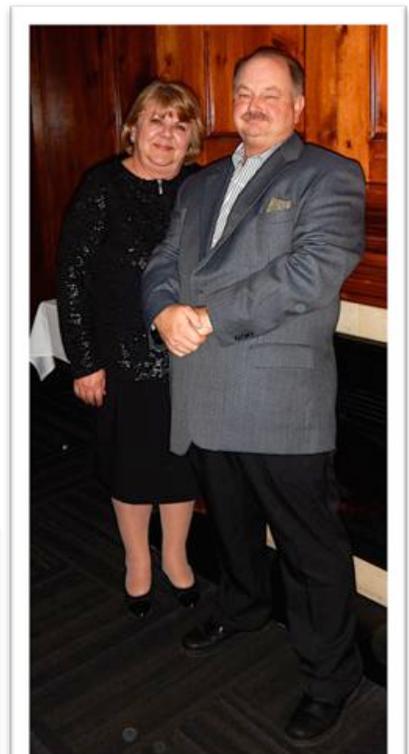
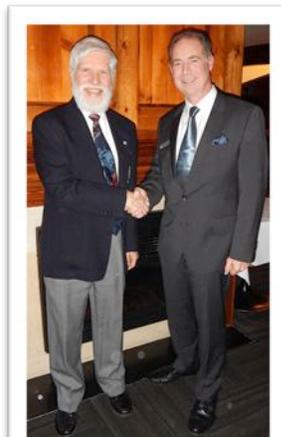
Saras Mudaliar won a door prize donated by Nestor Balcé of the Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group.

I would like to thank the winners for their dedication that earned them these deserved awards. At the same time, I would like to give my appreciation to all our members, who selflessly contributed their time, effort and goodwill, to make 2015 a fantastic year for the BC Section.

Thanks also, to Barry Patchett for joining us on our special evening and the entire club extends its gratitude to Gary and Linda for organizing our very memorable evening.



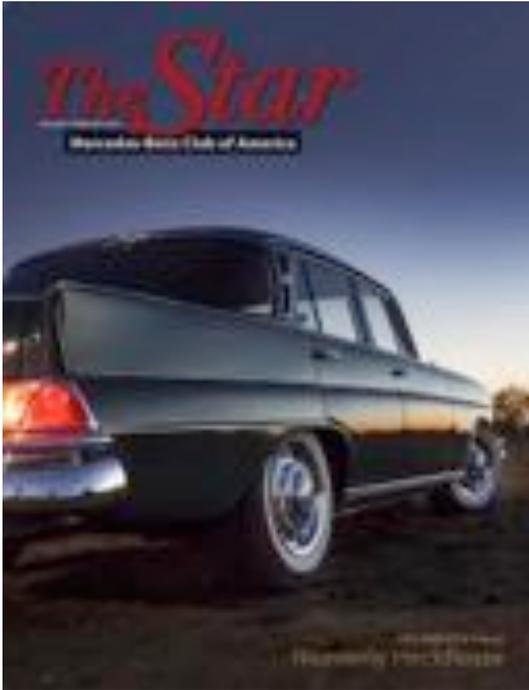
*Sean Clark with prize winner, Cathy Browne. (above).*



*Sean and Barry present Saras Mudaliar with her prize for the evening, courtesy Nestor Balcé and the Vancouver Mercedes-Benz Retail Group (above left).*

*Sean Clark thanks MBCA Northwest Regional Director, Barry Patchett, for attending this year’s BC Stars Annual Dinner and Awards evening (above right).*

*This year’s BC Stars Dinner and Awards evening organizers and hosts, Linda and Gary Pullyblank (right).*



Mercedes-Benz Club of America  
Communications Awards  
Jim Luikens, MBCA Communications Committee Chair

The 2015 MBCA communications contest was open to all MBCA sections, for section communications during the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Sections were judged in three categories: printed newsletter, on-line newsletter and social media presence. Most section newsletters include links to the use of social media to promote their section events.

**Printed Newsletters**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: BC Stars - BC Benz Bulletin - Bruce Woloshyn 🏆
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Twin Cities - Northern Star - Dave Tobin
- Honorable Mention:
- Chicagoland - Star Reflections - Jason Burton
- Kansas City - der Benz - Mark Moody
- Portland - Northwestern Star - David Abarr

**On-Line Newsletters**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Tarheel - The Starheel - Vicki Wilson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sierra Nevada - The Silver Star - Marc Dodson
- Honorable Mention:
- Desert Stars - The Star Dust - Mathew Crawford
- Pikes Peak - 'Round the Benz - Judy Bennett
- Seattle - Silver Star Online - Ian Gleadle

**Social Media Presence**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Fort Worth - DJ de Jesus
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cincinnati - Peter Emslander
- Honorable Mention:
- Indianapolis 500 - Ken Salter
- Hawaii - Section Effort
- Houston Section - Section Effort

**Chairman's Award Winner  
For Special Achievement**

Jerry Cole, Technical Advisor  
Seattle Section Silver Star Newsletter

MBCA *The Star* On-Line:  
<http://www.mbca.org/star/january-february-2016>





# 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](mailto: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.

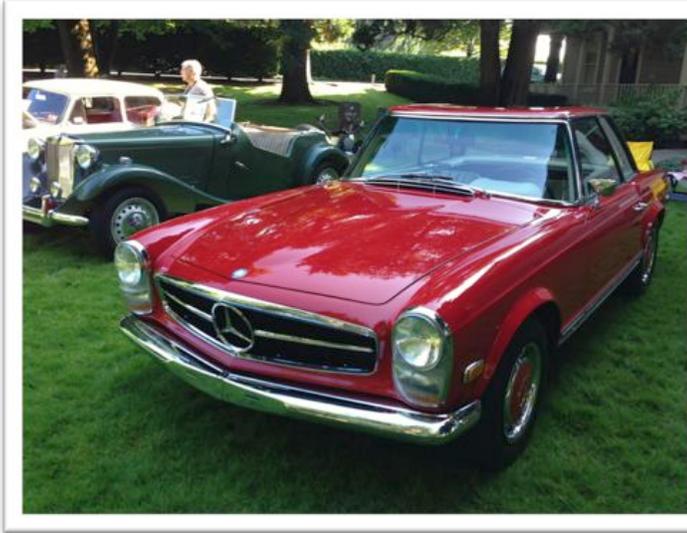
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## BC Stars Trading Post



**CAR FOR SALE:** 1968 MB 280 SL [W-113] chassis #1130412002948. This is an unrestored original. 3 owners from new with less than 56,000 original miles. These miles are documented with a full service history from new to current with a complete set of service work orders. Also included are the original delivery documents, complete tool roll, 2 tops, original Becker Europa radio, original operating clock, trunk mat, spare tire, tire cover, jack, wheel chock and wheel nut wrench. The original keys and key fob in MB Tex are still with the car. The original 300 SL style horns are in place. This car has been shown in judged Concours events in Oregon and Washington for the past 10 years with multiple event wins.

\$129,000.00 USD FOB Portland, Oregon

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## PARTS FOR SALE:

- 1992 W124 stock Front & Rear 500E brake calipers and discs, used - \$550.00 CDN
- 1994 W124 headlight pods, used. Lenses are like new, barely used - \$300.00 CDN

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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.

# BC Stars Executive

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