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EDITORIAL

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Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of the BC Benz Bulletin. We have new hands at the wheel going forward – Creative Director Matthew Peck, and Contributing Editors Paul Browne, Tony Millikin and Mark Sundin. The team and I would like to express our deep gratitude to Bruce Woloshyn for the fantastic job he did as newsletter editor and producer for the past three years. I am sure that you have all enjoyed the fruits of Bruce's efforts as much as I have! Bruce has left big shoes to fill, but we have a great team, and I feel confident moving forward.

You'll notice a new look to the newsletter, and some different content, as the production team stretches its wings and tries some different things. I hope you enjoy them. We have a couple of feature stories in this issue – preparing your car for the Spring, and photos and an interview with the owner of a very rare CLK-GTR.

The newsletter is meant to chronicle our club – and that means you, the members. If you have an interesting story you'd like to share, please let me know. For our part, we intend to continue to report on every club event, sharing the fun times we have together as Mercedes-Benz owners and enthusiasts.

Happy motoring!
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sean Clark

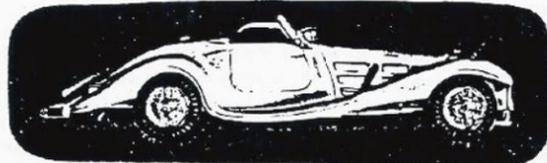
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Sean Clark



Dear Members, This March 2017 issue heralds a new chapter in the story of our MBCA BC Section and our newsletter, The BC Benz Bulletin. Hats off, to Joseph Anthony and his illustrious Editorial and Production Team, Tony Millikin, Matthew Peck, Paul Browne, and Mark Sundin, our Foreign Correspondent. I am very excited as we move forward, without missing a beat, to present their visualisation of the newest incarnation of our Section's news. I have seen the energy of this group - their new ideas, new graphics, a new format, and above all, a desire to make this newsletter, the very best that they can make it. Their one mandate is to serve our Members by sharing a bond of enthusiasm for Mercedes-Benz cars and the times we spend with our friends. Indeed, it is infectious! I am struck however, by the realisation that "what was new, is new once

again". Just as today, we are all looking forward to the upcoming driving season, motoring events and shared experiences, it is that very same excitement that was overwhelmingly evident in the very first editions of the BC Section's newsletters. A look back into our own archives, to a newsletter from the Spring of 1991, shows an impressive list of shows and driving events across BC throughout that year. An unknown artist penned a cartoon with the rallying caption, "Let's get our Club on the road!" I look forward to another year of fine events, great moments with our Members, and re-living them again in our newsletter. Please join me in wishing Joseph and his team, well. As Gary Lewis, BC Section VP said in the very first local Club newsletter in August of 1990, "Please make this newsletter yours by contributing a story." Happy motoring, Sean Clark BC Section President, MBCA



NUMBER 1

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECTION NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1990

This is our first attempt at a newsletter and hopefully it won't be our last! Getting a monthly newsletter out is a big undertaking and will require much more input from many of our members, the more members involved the less work for each individual involved. More about this at our next meeting at Milo European Car Specialists Ltd 78 Kingsway on Monday Sept. 17th.

As I said before this is our first attempt at a newsletter and all we will try to do in this issue is make contact with all the new members and those that will be transferring from the Seattle section and give everyone an idea of some of the events to come. In future the newsletter will hopefully give us more lead time to our forthcoming events.

Trying to get a new section organized and off the ground is no small feat in such a prestigious club as ours is (AHEM) and the rules and regulations are many. We won't even mention what Victoria requires in the chartering of a Social Club!

To this extent I feel we all should give our President, Alex Mozaffarian a round of thanks for his tireless effort to get us off and running. Hopefully in the future as our membership expands we will be able to spread this load more evenly.....Gary Lewis V/P.

In future newsletters we will try to establish regular columns. For example I am sure we all have a story to tell about our Benz, whether about its purchase or restoration, or simply why we choose to drive a Mercedes rather than another make. A story about your first Benz, or a humorous adventure in your car.

We are also encouraging an exchange of technical information and "how I repaired it for less than \$10.00" stories.

Please make this newsletter yours by contributing a story.

WRITER

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1991 Spring and Summer Events

June

Chilliwack Rotary Club Concours d' Elegance
Vintage Car Show, Minter Gardens, Chilliwack

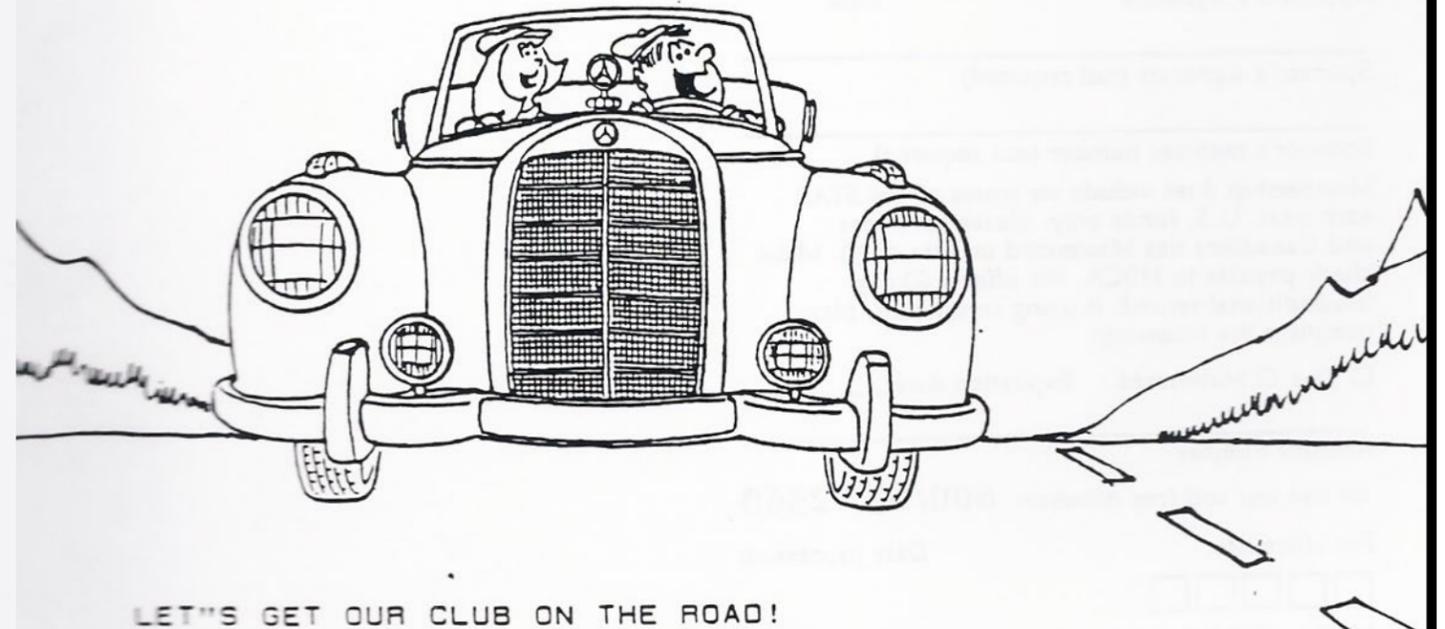
July-August

Seattle Section, Alberta Section, B.C. Section
Weekend Caravan to a destination meet.

One day picnic caravan. B.C. Section

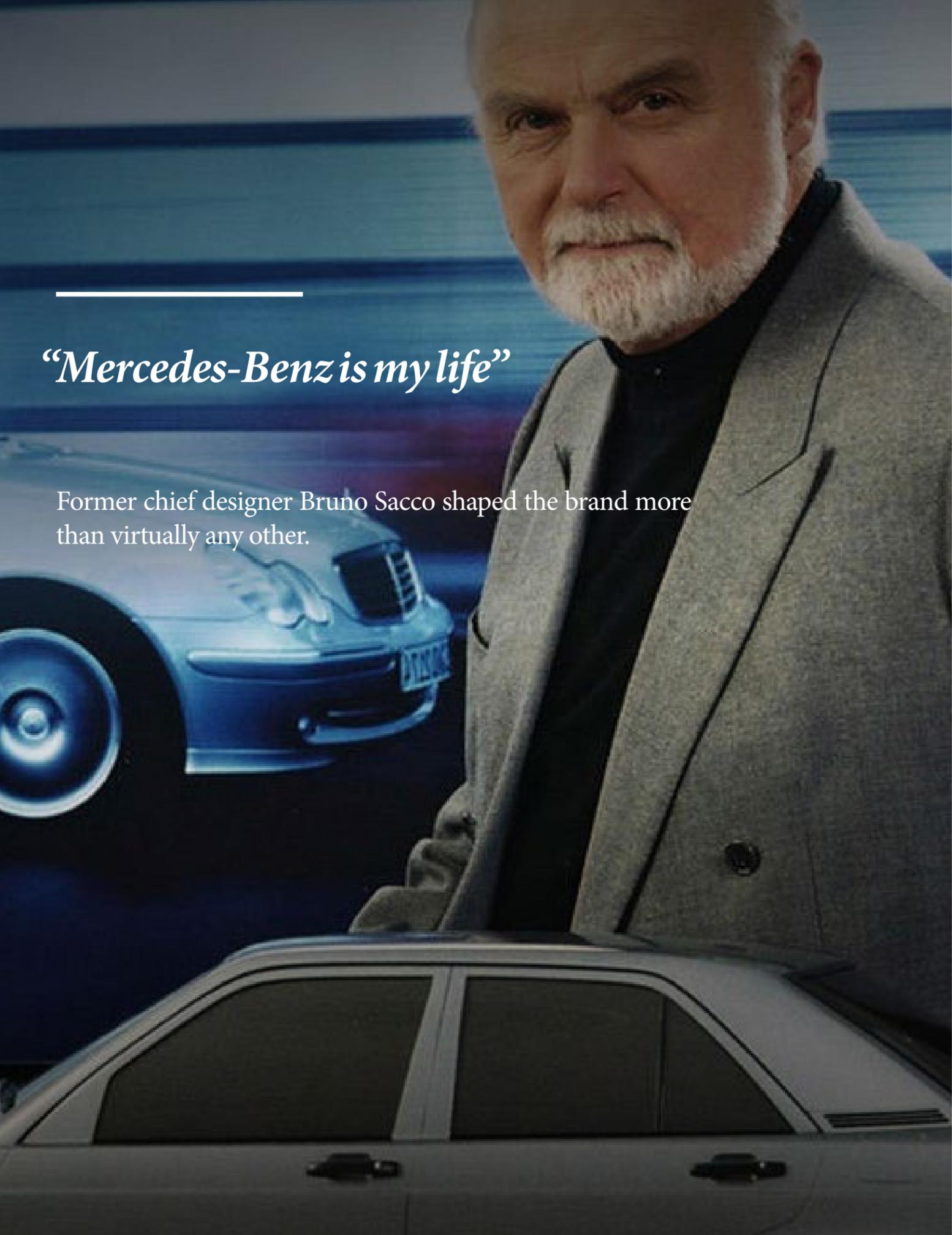
Vancouver Island Weekend Tour
Seattle & B.C. Sections

Further Ideas Welcome



ILLUSTRATIONS

BCSTARS Archives

A photograph of Bruno Sacco, an elderly man with a white beard, wearing a grey jacket over a black turtleneck. He is standing next to a silver Mercedes-Benz car. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a blue sky and a body of water.

“Mercedes-Benz is my life”

Former chief designer Bruno Sacco shaped the brand more than virtually any other.

WRITER

Paul Browne

PHOTOGRAPHY

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Italian Passion Meets German Precision...

The first “real Sacco”: the S-Class (model series 126)

Not many know that one man is responsible for the design of every road car, truck, and bus manufactured by Daimler Benz in the last part of the 20th Century. And he is not German! First employed by Daimler in 1958 as a stylist next to the soon-to-become-iconic Paul Bracq, by 1970 Bruno Sacco had become Chief of the Body and Dimensional Centre. There, under the helm of Friedrich Geigen, Sacco’s design philosophy quickly became apparent with the design of the 600 (W100) and the 230SL Pagoda (W113).

Moving up the corporate ranks to Chief Engineer in 1974 and then Head of the Daimler Styling Centre in 1975, Italian Bruno Sacco is famous for his numerous works which spanned from the C111 Concept, three successive versions of the flagship S Class (W126, W140, and W220) to the very first

“Baby Benz”, the compact Executive car, the 190 (W202 and W203) – maybe one of his most significant contributions. Sacco was responsible for Daimler’s design cohesion from 1975 until his retirement in 1999. A red blooded Italian with a teutonic sense of detail – what more would a car manufacturer want from its Chief Designer?

Along the way, Sacco collected numerous awards including the 1996 Car Magazine’s Designer’s Designer Award as chosen by 40 of his industry peers and culminating with his induction into the US Automotive Hall of Fame in 2006 and the European Automotive Hall of Fame in 2007. Truly a Designer’s Designer.

Follow this link for further information and a subtitled video interview with Bruno Sacco.

<https://www.mercedes-benz.com/en/mercedes-benz/classic/mercedes-benz-is-my-life/>

Intelligent Drive

The driving assistance systems expand on the existing safety and comfort aspects.

Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive® is comprised of a range of technologies, integrated into a comprehensive driving assistance system that expands on the existing comfort and safety of Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

Systems that combine to create Intelligent Drive include: Pre-Safe® Plus, Active Blind Spot Assist, Night View Assist Plus, Pre-Safe® Brake, Adaptive Highbeam Assist Plus, DISTRONIC Plus, BAS Plus, Active Lane Keeping Assist, Collision Prevention Assist, Pedestrian Detection Assist, Attention Assist, Pre-safe® Impulse, Active Parking Pilot, Pre-Safe® Sound, and 360° Cameras.

Using a 360-degree network of cameras, radar and various other sensors, Intelligent Drive continually monitors a car's surrounding, to help avoid danger, or to reduce the effects of any impending impact.

Last August, BC Stars' own Sean Clark and Tony Millikin attended an E-Class "Mastering Intelligence" event hosted by Mercedes-Benz Canada. The session ran for almost five hours, and included both technical talks and track experience of the new E-Class with Intelligent Drive. We have located a video record of their experience, and share that below.



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Intelligent drive 2017 E-Class demo car

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Intelligent drive 2017 E-Class demo car

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Club Vice-President Tony Millikin (R) with an instructor from driving unlimited.



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Mercedes-Benz Vancouver Retail Group

Record-Breaking Sales Continue into February for Mercedes-Benz Canada

A TORONTO, ON (March 1, 2017) Mercedes-Benz Canada and its national dealer network are pleased to announce that the company achieved its best-ever February results, retailing a total of 3,964 units and surpassing by 16.6% the previous record set in February 2016. This impressive return contributed to year-to-date sales of 7,716 units, an increase of 22.0% over 2016. These results continued to build on the company's steady momentum.

In February, strong sales were seen across the passenger car segment, with 1,850 vehicles delivered for an increase of 19.7% over the same period last year. C-Class models played a significant role in these positive returns: 1,055 units were retailed in February for an increase of 69.6%, month-over-month. Other popular models included the CLA, the B-Class and the E-Class Coupe.

The iconic G-Class also contributed to the segment's stellar results, with a 72.5% increase in sales month-over-month.

"February was an exciting month for Mercedes-Benz Canada," said Brian D. Fulton, President and CEO, Mercedes-Benz Canada. The Canadian International AutoShow served as a good backdrop for the Canadian launch of the smart fortwo electric drive coupe, Mercedes-AMG GT R Coupe, Mercedes-AMG GT C Roadster, and of course the powerful Mercedes-AMG E 63 S 4MATIC + Sedan.

The Mercedes-Benz Vans division was on track to post record-breaking results, and the popularity of the C-Class and GLC boosted our results as well as our competitive spirit. Plus, the G-Class and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter earned category wins in the Canadian Black Book's Best Retained Value Awards.

I'm pleased that the hard work of our dealers and employees has allowed us to maintain our first-place standing among Canadian luxury manufacturers. With more high-demand product coming in to satisfy the needs of our customers, I know our team is well-equipped to push for a strong first quarter finish.

Further information from Mercedes-Benz is available online at: www.media.mercedes-benz.ca



WRITER



Scott Weishuhn

PHOTOGRAPHY



Matthew Peck

SPRING FORWARD

Time to Get the Vehicle Ready for Spring

So, it is time to get your vehicle ready for the Spring. Whether it has been in your garage, or has been your daily driver, it is going to take a little bit of work. The winter can be hard on your vehicle. With all the salt and road debris attacking the paint and interior, it can make your vehicle look a little rough. Now, we know you love your vehicle and want to protect it and treat it well. After all, the better your vehicle is maintained, the longer it will last and protect your investment. The problem is where do you start?

Get the interior Clean

Always start inside to prevent tracking dirty water into your vehicle. Open all the doors and the trunk, pull out all the floor mats and set them aside. Now is the time to get the plastics, fabric and leather (where present) cleaned up. I use an all-purpose cleaner. The product I use is Waxed Shine's Citrus APC Cleaner. Spray the APC Cleaner onto a microfiber cloth and wipe off the dash, console, door panels, and seat rails. Do all the interior plastic within the vehicle.

Next it's time to work on the glass. Everyone has a preference on glass cleaners for different reasons. My preference is WS Clear by Waxed





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02.

WRITER

Scott Weishuhn

PHOTOGRAPHY

Matthew Peck

Shine. I have found this to be the only cleaner that not only cleans amazingly and leaves a streak free finish, but also gives the glass a polished look. Spray the WS Clear onto your glass towel and wash your windows. Once you finish a window, take either a second microfiber that is dry, or turn your glass towel over and buff the window to a shine. A little trick I have learned over the years is when doing the inside of the windows go left to right when wiping. When doing the outside, go up and down when wiping. By doing this if by chance you do streak the window, you can tell if it is inside or outside the vehicle.

Now that all the glass is clean it's time to protect and dress all the plastics. We do this after the windows to prevent getting the dressing on the window from the rag hitting the dash. Not everyone likes a high shine on the plastics. Waxed Shine AIO Dressing is perfect for all applications. If you want shine use it neat, you want a satin finish, dilute it down with water since it is a water based dressing. I dilute it 50:50. Spray it onto your microfiber rag and apply to all interior plastics.

Next it is time to clean the seats. If they are cloth, vacuum them off. For any dirty marks you can use the same Citrus APC Cleaner to clean the marks off. Simply spray the Citrus APC on the fabric and let it sit on the mark

01.

Winter has been hard this year. Treat your car to a spring clean

02.

The carpets may need extra attention.

03.

Don't forget the area between the sill and the seat.

for a minute, then scrub with a soft fabric brush or a microfiber towel. After, use your shop vac or wet-dry vac to vacuum the rest of the seat. If you have leather you will want to clean and condition the Leather. Leather + from the Waxed Shine line makes it easy. It allows you to clean and condition in one step saving you time. Simply spray onto a rag and scrub the leather clean. If you have a stubborn stain, spray the leather cleaner directly on the mark and use a leather brush to scrub, then wipe off.

Now the part most people hate - vacuuming the carpets. If you have used your car over the winter there is a chance that you have that white salt residue on the floors. If you do, use Salt Off. Spray Salt Off on, let it sit 10 seconds to dissolve the salt, and vacuum it up. To make it easier to get that deep embedded dirt out of your carpets, use a good quality carpet brush.

Time to Tackle the Exterior!

Close up the vehicle; make sure all the windows are closed (yes I have accidentally missed closing one before). Prepare all your buckets with grit guards and soap; grab your wheel brushes and wash mitts. Now get the pressure washer out. Get your foam cannon and pre-soak the whole car. I use Waxed Shine Snow Foam. The lather you get from the Snow

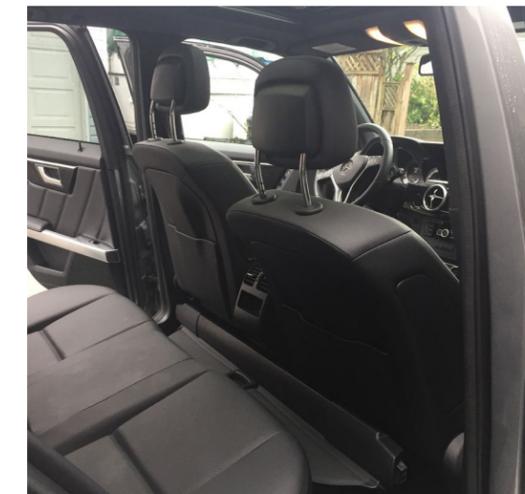
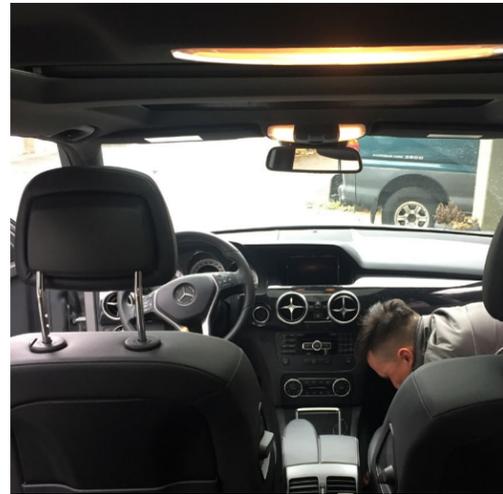


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Foam is like shaving cream! While the Vehicle is soaking, start washing your rims. Now what product you use depends on the type of wheel surface. If you are not sure, the safest is Wheel and Tire Cleaner from Waxed Shine. It is safe to use on all wheels. If you have a clear-coated rim and have a lot of brake dust you can use Iron Off, but this product cannot be used on bare metals, chrome, plastics or matte finishes, so be careful with it. Once all the wheels are clean, rinse the whole car off. The pre-soak will lift all the heavy dirt off the car and allow it to run to the rockers. Now it's time to wash the Vehicle. Set up your 2 Bucket wash system. Set up one bucket of soapy water with Snow Foam, and one of clean water to rinse your mitt with. Start at

the top and work your way down. So roof to windowsill, windowsill to trim line, trim line to rocker. Make sure every time you go back to the bucket with the mitt, you rinse it off in the clean water before going back to the soapy bucket. This prevents contaminating the soapy water with grit.

With the new clay mitts on the market it makes claying and washing the car a lot faster. While you wash the car, have the clay mitt in the bucket. As you finish washing a panel with your wash mitt, go over the same panel with the clay mitt using the soapy water as the lubrication for it. By the time you finish the wash, you have washed and clayed the whole car. Take your drying towel and dry off



the vehicle. Take a gentle air blower if you have one and blow all trims, mirrors, lights out as well to remove the water. Use an older clean rag and wipe out the jams of the doors, trunk and hood as well.

Now you have a choice: you can do a full paint correction and cut-polish the car if you like, or you can seal the car with Aquaboo by Waxed Shine. Aquaboo is a touchless sealant technology that you can either spray on and rinse off, or wipe on and off. It is formulated using fluorocarbon polymers and SiO₂, so it creates a protective layer over your paint, glass, metals and plastics. Once finished off with Aquaboo you will have a slick, deep looking shine to your paint.

Now all that is left is to dress the tires and exterior plastics. I use Wet Gloss from Waxed Shine for that high shine to the rubber that does not sling when you drive. As for the plastics, AIO Dressing does the job.

Now your vehicle is ready for Spring and Summer. Remember your vehicle needs regular maintenance and care to maintain the paint and interior plastics, leathers and fabrics. The longer it is left untouched, the harder it becomes to clean. When you see those bird droppings on your paint, sap from trees, or something the kids spilled inside the car, try to clean it up as soon as possible. If you let it sit and penetrate, it can leave damage that you may not be able to fix. If are not comfortable using a polisher on your paint, don't! Call a professional detailer to do it, we are happy to recommend a few, or inquire about polishing training at your professional detail supplier store. Not all places offer classes, but some do for a small fee. We do offer this service; give us a call for details.

Have a great Spring and Summer and get out there and enjoy your toys!

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CLK-GTR SUPER SPORT
1 of 25 / 1 of 2



01.

The first chassis 1/25 was the homologation car which had a 7.3 liter engine.



02.

Wheelbase: 2670 mm / 105.1 in

03.

Race car for the streets; air jacks and a personal mechanic.



04.

Even in a Mercedes-Benz Supercar, luxury is never an afterthought.

ONE MAN ONE ENGINE

The Mercedes CLK GTR was (and is) a car of extremes. It was based upon the CLK GTRs that raced in Le Mans; for all intents and purposes, a road-legal racecar.

Based on the limited production CLK GTR, the Super Sport represents the pinnacle of Mercedes-Benz development. It is the product of HWA, a specialist firm which helped Mercedes-Benz prepare the original CLK GTRs that raced the GT1 class at Le Mans. HWA is also responsible for creating the 25 road going examples of the GT1 racecar. Among these HWA has prepared five roadsters and two even rarer super sports models having a much larger engine.

Its the new 7.3-liter, V-12 AMG engine which highlights the Super Sport's performance. Increased displacement gives the super sport 100 more horsepower than other CLK GTRs, making this car one of the most powerful, naturally- aspirated coupes.

To matching the increased power, the aero-

dynamics package of the CLK roadster is updated to reflect it's sporting nature. Specifically, the rear wing is modified and rear view mirrors are different.

[See full Mercedes-Benz CLK GTR Super Sport Gallery](#)

Only two of the CLK GTRs originally received the 7.3 engine and a few others were later updated. The first chassis, 1/25 was the homologation car which had a 7.3. This particular car is unique with high-mounted post mirrors and a lack of "clk gtr" badges on the rear panel.

The second car, chassis #017, was modeled after the upgrade on the first car. It came straight from HWA with the 7.3 engine and was the only car to officially receive the Supersport designation. Painted in the unique

red over tan combination, Mr. Ilyas Galadari of UAE-Dubai was the first owner. The car was then sold to an owner in Switzerland who took it back to HWA for a coat of silver paint and red interior. Next, the car was shipped to the USA as brokered by thecar-experience.com. They successfully imported the car, and it now resides in the USA.

This particular CLK GTR is arguably one of the two most desirable examples. Of the 25 road-going CLK GTRs produced, two were built and heavily modified by AMG's sister company, HWA GmbH, so named for its president and AMG co-founder, Hans-Werner Aufrecht. HWA did the unthinkable by replacing the CLK's already potent 6.9-liter V12 with Mercedes' newer and more powerful 7.3-liter V12 engine, producing a blistering 720 horsepower. Auction Source: 2007 Monterey Preview



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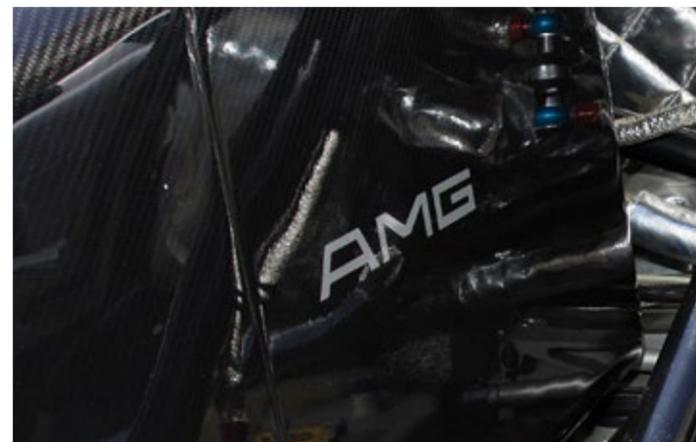


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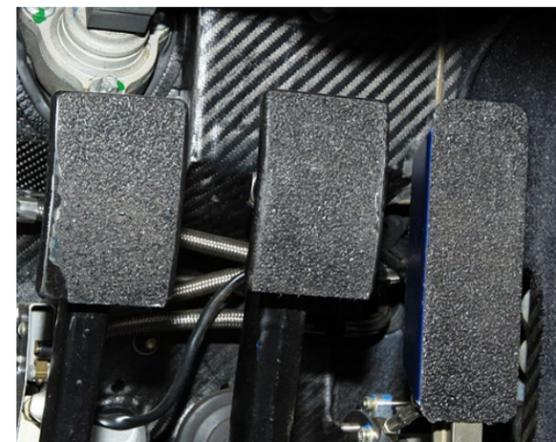
The first of only 25 built. Major performance upgrades by AMG partner H.W.A. to the most desirable "SuperSport" 720 bhp, 7.3-liter V-12 specification. Only 1,335 miles from new. Numerous extras, including luggage.

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07.



08.

IN DETAIL

TYPE: Series Production Car
PRODUCTION: 2
PRICE: \$1,250,000
ENGINE: 60 Degree V12
POSITION: Mid Longitudinal
ASPIRATION: Natural
VALVETRAIN: DOHC, 4 Valves per Cyl
DISPLACEMENT: 7291 cc / 444.9 in ³
BORE: 91.5 mm / 3.6 in
STROKE: 92.4 mm / 3.64 in
POWER: 536.9 kw / 720 bhp @ 6700 rpm
SPECIFIC OUTPUT: 98.75 bhp per litre
DRIVEN WHEELS: Mid Engine / RWD
FRONT TIRES: 295/35 ZR18
REAR TIRES: 345/35 ZR 18
FRONT BRAKES: Vented Carbon Fibre Discs w/6-Pot Calipers, Hydraulic Assist, ABS
REAR BRAKES: Vented Carbon Fibre Discs w/4-Pot Calipers, Hydraulic Assist, ABS
FRONT WHEELS: F 45.7 x 26.7 cm / 18 x 10.5 in
REAR WHEELS: R 45.7 x 31.8 cm / 18 x 12.5 in
STEERING: Rack & Pinion w/Power Assist
F SUSPENSION: Double Wishbones w/Push-Rod Actuated Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers, Anti-Roll Bar
R SUSPENSION: Double Wishbones w/Push-Rod Actuated Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers, Anti-Roll Bar
WHEELBASE: 2670 mm / 105.1 in
FRONT TRACK: 1665 mm / 65.6 in
REAR TRACK: 1594 mm / 62.8 in
LENGTH: 1855 mm / 73.0 in
WIDTH: 1950 mm / 76.8 in
HEIGHT: 1100 mm / 43.3 in
TRANSMISSION: 6-Speed Sequential w/Paddle-Shift Operation
GEAR RATIOS: 3.235:1, 2.097:1, 1.560:1, 1.231:1
0 - 60 MPH: ~3.6 second

01.

Interior wrapped in alcantara and carbon fiber.

02.

Park, neutral and drive... it's all that's needed.

03.

If the heat from the V-12 is too much, crank up the A/C.

04.

With all that power, this 345/35 ZR18 puts all the power to the ground.

05.

Lots of carbon fiber in the engine bay. Carbon fiber is not only light, but can also withstand high amounts of heat.

06.

Perfectly placed and all tucked away. German engineering at its best.

07.

AMG variants are usually badged with two numerals but this car is special.

08.

Yes, this is actually three pedals in a Mercedes-Benz.

AMG Hypercar Featuring F1 Powertrain

ANY TAKERS FROM MBCA MEMBERS?

By June 2017, fans / customers will be selected with priority being given to loyal Mercedes-Benz and Mercedes-AMG owners and collectors.

The vehicle is equipped with a Formula 1 powertrain, including a 1.6L V6 engine coupled with two electric motors, and produces >1,000hp. It's also a Plug-In Hybrid, capable of approximately 24km of electric range. The MSRP is expected to be at least 2,275,000€ (+tax).

INTERESTED

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We'll put you in contact with the special sales team.



RWM & CO

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Visit to RWM & Co, Motor Vehicle Restoration

The second Cars & Coffee Event of 2017 was to start at 11am at the RWM & Co. facilities located in an immaculate airplane hangar located at the Boundary Bay Airport. You could tell the MBCA BC Stars members were excited about the tour when at 10:30am there were many people stirring outside the door waiting for Robert & Jaclyn to let them in. From former club president Louis Fourie dropping off parts for a Healey restoration, to eager members hoping to get an extra few minutes to look around the restoration projects, we had an excited group. At 11am we had 39 Members and friends walking around the facility filling up their cups of coffee and grabbing some treats before owner Robert entered the fray and was quickly met with many questions from the enthusiasts seeing his facility for the first time. After half an hour of wandering around taking photos we started an official tour of the facility, which began with Robert showing the group the machine called the “Hammer.” The Hammer is used to shape metal from scratch into an array of different body parts

from fenders, to seats, to many custom pieces which you just cannot find any more. All the members were given earplugs to protect from the sound, and once Robert started the Hammer we quickly understood why the ear protection was needed.

Once the display of the Hammer machine was complete, we moved onto the tour of the 13 active restoration projects in the workshop at this time. We started with a Maserati, then a Renault, followed by a Jaguar E Type, a 1969 Mustang Shelby GT350, a Mercedes-Benz 230SL, a 1931 Avon Standard, a complete fibreglass body for a Lotus Elan, a gorgeous Ferrari, a 1950 Jaguar XK 120, a BMW Isetta, Porsche 911, 1958 Alfa Romeo, and a 1938 MG TA. The story behind each car and the reason for its restoration brought many questions from the group, and Robert’s passion for his work was evident in every project. We were also fortunate to have the owner of the 1958 Alfa Romeo in the group, and his explanation of the restoration project was a treat for all.



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The workshop at RWM & Co.

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E-Type Jaguar

03.

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A beautiful open wheel, custom one off car.

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Ferrari 250 GTE

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Ferrari 250 GTE engine bay

06.

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230 SL Pagoda

07.

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MBCA BCSTARS and friends.

After we had finished our tour of the 13 projects, we presented Robert with a token of appreciation, and Jaelyn opened up the bay door to the Boundary Bay Airport tarmac and we stepped outside for a group photo. It was now 1pm and our tour's time slot was complete, but our enthusiasts were hesitant to give up the opportunity to pick Robert's brain and just share in his passion for automotive history. After saying my goodbyes at 1:15pm, there were still many members mulling around and soaking in the atmosphere of RWM & Co.

History of RWM & Co.

Robert W. Maynard has been immersed in the car world since he was 15 years old and he rebuilt a Mini in his parents' driveway. Fixing things that are broken, and designing better systems is intrinsic to the core of his being, and a skill that is only enhanced by his creative eye for design and custom fabrication. Formally schooled in England, he established a successful car restoration business in the UK for many years where

he specialized in race & rally car preparation, custom design work, and concourse level builds. Robert's client base and reputation as one of the world's top restoration specialists quickly grew, and soon he had customers shipping their cars to him from all over the world. After immigrating to Canada in 2009 and taking a hiatus from running his own business, RWM & Co. was established in late 2013. What started as a one-man shop has now grown into a team of carefully selected individuals to meet the demand for an honest, reliable, and competent restoration facility.



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The new C-Class Cabriolet. Total price starts at \$60,160.*

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BCSTARS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

WRITER

Sean Clark

PHOTOGRAPHY

Joseph Anthony

T We celebrated a Happy New year, and a recap of the very successful year past.

Gary and Linda Pullyblank, after much due diligence, found us a magnificent venue for our Annual Awards Dinner, the La Terrazza Restaurant, in Vancouver. Many thanks to them for organising a wonderful evening.

Our very elegantly attired Members and Officers enjoyed a delicious dinner of fine Italian food and wines in a cosy and delightful setting. I was pleased to see that some of our most hardworking Members were there, as well as a recently returning Member, Mark Sundin, and his wife Michiko.

Our award for Member of the Year went once again, to Matthew Peck. This year, Matt worked closely with our fine friends at Mercedes-Benz, Nestor Balce and the Vancouver Retail Group.

Between them, they carried our message of car displays and events to the BC public. Matt added a new level of sophistication to our online graphics and advertising. Matt literally made us look good, and he recently launched his new “dynamic” website, www.bcstars.ca, to post our latest Club photos and Event Notices between regular newsletters. We owe much to him for showing us in a good light to our Members, and the public. Well done, Matt!

Our Vice President, Tony Millikin, deserves special recognition, also.

The 2016 Event Excellence Award celebrated the stunning success of Tony’s Shipbuilders’ Square Show & Shine. Tony really kicked it up a notch this year. We had multiple sponsors and presenters who put on a good show. Tony’s thoroughly laid groundwork with Matt and Nestor paid off huge dividends, attracting over 100 cars! A very professional job by Tony, his crew, and all our Members who pitched in to set up the event, and greet the public as MBCA ambassadors. Tony, you knocked it out of the park!

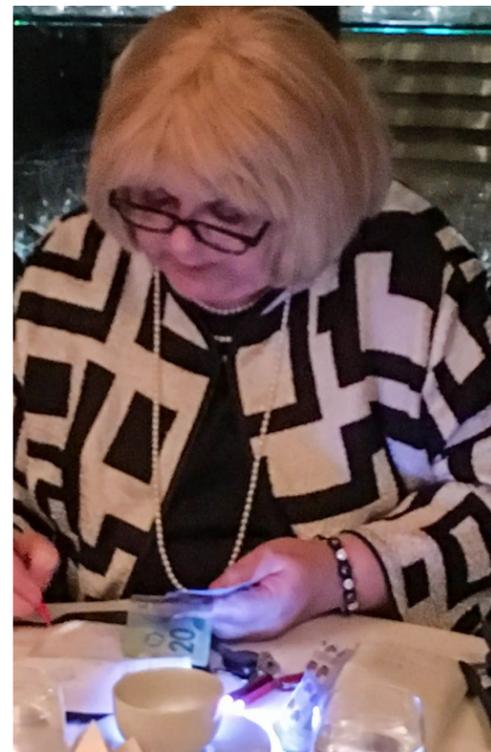
As we go forward for 2017, Joseph Anthony has assembled his new Newsletter Production Team. Many of them were at our dinner, and it was a great opportunity for an enthusiastic exchange of ideas. It is on an evening like this that I recall and give thanks for all the efforts of our BC Stars family, seen and also unseen. Well done, everyone!



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Tony Millikin (L) receives the 2016 Event Excellence Award from President Sean Clark

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Sean Clark with prizewinner Mark Sundin.

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Linda Pullyblank keeping things on track.

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Matthew Peck (R) receives the 2016 Member of the Year Award from Sean Clark

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Sean Clark with prizewinner Paul Browne

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Sean Clark with prizewinner Mark Block

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Tony & Rita Milliken (L) with Elizabeth and Hardy Suelzer

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the Club, to the following Members and their families who have recently joined the our BC Section.

Greg Collins, West Kelowna

R.P. Lawson, Lewisville, TX

Parmveer Sekhon, Abbotsford

Devlin Wing, Delta



CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ad Policy Classified ads are intended to help members sell their personal items. Ads submitted are subject to review by the board of directors for determination of commercial or non-commercial status. Members submitting ads deemed commercial in nature will be notified and charged commercial rates (\$25 per issue). Non-commercial, classified, ads are free to members and are \$10 for non-members. Ads will run for one issue (3 months) of the Print and Web editions of the BC Benz Bulletin. We can include one image of each item for sale. No additional charge will be made for images submitted in digital format. Payment for non-member ads should be made out to "MBCA BC Stars Section". All payments should be sent to the address above along with a copy of the ad. Whenever possible please submit the text of the ad and associated image by email. These policies are subject to change without notice.



OWNER

Ahmad Gandomi

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Lovingly restored and hand formed by a master craftsman over several years and countless hours. Restoration finished in 2014. A rust-free, solid, example in flawless cream paint complemented with stunning red leather. This car is the personal vehicle of Ahmad Gandomi, completely formed and finished in his own bodyshop.

PRICE: \$150,000 USD



OWNER

Ahmad Gandomi

Orient AutoPort Coquitlam

604-464-5255 | ahmadorient@live.ca

VEHICLE INFORMATION

1981 Mercedes-Benz R107 380SL
Well-maintained, clean, completely rust-free car. Interior and soft top in excellent condition. New paint – looks beautiful! Comes with hardtop in contrasting dark blue. Runs well, 165,000 KM. Ready for summer!

PRICE: \$13,000 CAD

CLASSIFIED ADS CONT.



OWNER

Gary Hawthorn
North Vancouver
604-986-8873

VEHICLE INFORMATION

1981 Mercedes-Benz R107 380SL
Former USA car with 110,000 miles. Has Collector plates (they are not transferable). Engine rebuilt about 6,000 miles ago because of timing chain failure, but now good for 80,000 miles with new timing chain and much better quality chain guides. Garage kept (as expected) rust free / recent vinyl upholstery. Hard top / European headlights / Spare parts (lots of them) / Kinder seat / car cover

PRICE: \$9,500 OBO



OWNER

Ahmad Gandomi
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VEHICLE INFORMATION

2013 Mercedes-Benz vE350 Convertible
Brilliant Silver on Black leather. 23,000KM, like new. loaded, no accidents.

PRICE: ASKING \$45,000 CAD

ADVERTISE HERE

Current MBCA members can advertise their Mercedes-Benz in our BC Bulletin for free.

contact
info@bcstars.ca

OWNER

MBCA Member

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Submit your listing for the next news letter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a listing of upcoming events, both club events and on-club events for the automotive enthusiast. The club website contains more details, and more up-to-date details of listings. Please see:

www.bcstars.ca

REGISTER NOW

www.mbcawinetour.com

MAY 19-20-21

Okanagan White Wine Tour

The Okanagan Wine Tour this year will focus on wineries in the region at the southern end of Okanagan Lake – Narramata Bench, Penticton and Summerland.

The white wines will have been recently released, and so we expect a bouquet of delights for the palate to be on offer. Of course there will also be plenty of reds for those inclined in that direction.

We are planning a special dinner on Saturday evening for participants, as well as the usual social gathering on Friday evening.

We will be based at the Ramada Penticton Hotel & Suites. The club has arranged discounted room rates of \$169 / \$184 per night for club members attending this event. Reservations can be made by phone at 250-492-8926 ext 0 (Speak with the front desk). Please make sure to quote the group code (CGCZ17) when making the reservation in order to secure the room rate.

Please note that rooms are being held at the Ramada ONLY until 12:00 noon on April 19, 2017. If you are planning to attend the event, please book your room before April 19th.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17

Annual Whistler Run

Keep the date for the 2017 Annual Whistler Run. Manfred and Marie Stenzel and their team are planning another spectacular Whistler Run up the gorgeous Sea-to-Sky Highway to picturesque Whistler. More details will be announced closer to the date.

LEARN MORE

www.WhistlerRally.com

AUGUST 22

Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine

Mark the date – August 22nd– for our premier display event, the MBCA Annual Shipbuilder's Square Show & Shine. Last year we had over 100 cars on display. A fun, free event for all - with Mercedes-Benz cars ranging from collectors to today's newest models. You'll have a chance to meet the owners of these fine machines and take a photo or two as well. There'll be stage presentations and prizes, and remember - you don't need a concours-ready vehicle to participate. Watch the club website for further details of the event: bcstars.mbca.org

LEARN MORE

www.ShipBuildersSquare.ca



NON-MBCA EVENTS



JUNE 25

16th Annual German Car Festival @ Waterfront Park

This year the German Car Festival is on 25 June. The event runs from about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Waterfront Park, North Vancouver. This is a fun day out with fellow German Car Enthusiasts. The GCF was originally a Porsche event and in 2002 Ron Dempsey of the BMW club pulled together the Porsche, Mercedes and BMW clubs. Audi joined later.

As usual there will be a \$10 per car entry fee, plus a non-perishable food donation. All this will benefit the Harvest Project. Event sponsors will donate prizes and these will be drawn around 1 p.m. There will be a hot dog vendor and ice cream vendor on site.

Participating clubs include the BMW Car Club of BC, the 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 be some very interesting cars, both new and old, participating in this event.

JULY 30

Oak Bay Collector Care Festival (Victoria, BC)

Open Show. ...special interest vehicles. If you love your vehicle and feel it is of special interest this show is for you to enjoy.

When: Sunday July 30th. 2017.

Time: 7.00 a.m. 'til 3.30 pm

Location: Oak Bay Village Victoria B.C.

Registration: On day on arrival. \$15 (non profit)

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