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EDITORIAL

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Editor's Greeting

What an extraordinary winter we have had! Some of you with longer memories than I have may recall a long lasting winter, but it seems this year has been much cooler well into March; longer than any other I can recall! As I write this the forsythia is coming into bloom, which always gladdens my heart as it has become for me the harbinger of spring. The days have started to grow longer and I've had my "old car" out of storage a couple of times already. In fact, on my way to the recent BC Section meeting held at Mercedes-Benz Boundary, courtesy of Dilawri, the new corporate owners of four lower mainland MB retail centres, I was stopped at a traffic light and looking in the rear view mirror I saw the people in the car behind me smiling and pointing, and the passenger had reached out of his window to take a photo with his phone. I was heartened to be reminded that our care for our cars can also be a source of pleasure for others.

There are several reports in this edition, and I hope you will enjoy reading about the Annual Dinner, as well as two special events. Also reports of upcoming events. It's driving time once again! For you R107 aficionados, please be sure to check out the information on the new MBCA R107 subgroup which is in the process of being formed

Sadly, over the winter, the club lost one of its long time members and a dear friend to many, Marion Rutherford. Marion and Don have been members of the BC Section for many, many years, and she will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Don and his family.

I look forward to seeing you at an event or meeting.

Joseph Anthony

Editor

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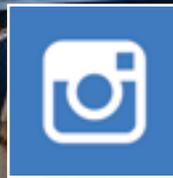
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Matthew Peck

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Matthew Peck

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fresh spring weather and getting some drives in.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, my grey market 1984/85 2.3-16V Cosworth has went under major restoration at Orient Auto in Port Coquitlam. I've been chipping away at the 2nd piece to my article on the story of the restoration. It's been coming along, so please be patient and know that it'll be worth the wait. Our section is gearing up of our annual MBCA wine tour during the May long weekend. If anyone is interested please book your hotels soon! All the information for this event can be found in the upcoming events setion in this news letter.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting or gathering. Please review the calendar for upcoming events.

Best,

Matthew Peck

President - BC Section



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WRITER

Peach Arch News

PHOTOGRAPHY

Mercedes-Benz Club Of America

Marion Ruth Rutherford

AUGUST 18, 1943 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

Marion passed away New Year's Eve from Epithelioid sarcoma. She was predeceased by her parents, Erling and Olga Nelsen; sister, Carol; and brother, Glen; she leaves behind her husband of 47 years, Don; daughter, Erin (Simon Irving); son, Erik; and family and friends across Canada.

Marion attended Queen Elizabeth Secondary in Surrey. She spent many happy years giving her time to the Girl Guides of Canada, the Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary and the Mercedes Benz Club. Her family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Surrey Memorial Hospital for their tireless efforts in caring for her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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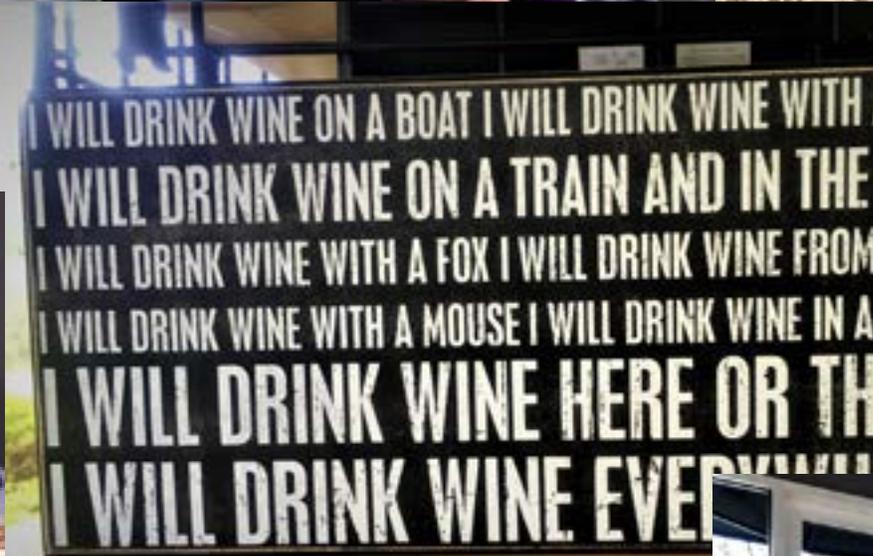




Marion will truly be missed by many. She had a genuine soul, beautiful smile and a heart of gold. Above all that she was one of my "adopted MBCA mothers" and her presense in the world will be missed. Marion was always one of the first members to volunteer at our events, to many of us she was the face of the MBCA BCstars

We love and miss you, thank you for all the wonderful memories!

Matthew Peck



WRITER

Sean Clark

PHOTOGRAPHY

Sean Clark

Tony's 'Coffee Day' with the BC Stars



These days, we hear a lot about Cars & Coffee. As Mercedes enthusiasts, we can debate chassis numbers, fuel injection, turbos, and Nav. Systems from Noon 'til night. How much do we know about coffee? BC Stars VP, Tony Millikin, is on a first-name basis with the baristas at his local Starbucks in the lobby of the building where he works. Tony kindly arranged for them to demonstrate for us some of their finest offerings.

Early on a Saturday morning, we headed to the Shaw Tower in downtown Vancouver, by the Convention Centre. Atmosphere and relaxing surroundings are part of enjoying a good coffee. As it was mid-November and a little cool out, we looked forward even more to warming up over a hot drink.

The Starbucks staff had already artfully arranged their display and were proud to show us their new Reserve coffees. We had a number of choices, each very distinct in flavour.

We were invited to experience these select coffees at their best, using the premium Clover Brewing System to extract every bit of flavour. "The Clover® brewing system uses innovative Vacuum-Press™ technology to create your cup right in front of you. You watch as a stainless steel filter lowers into the brew chamber. Hot water is added at a precise temperature to brew your coffee for an ideal length of time. The Clover® brewing system controls brew time and temperature digitally, as even small changes here can dramatically affect the outcome you taste in the cup. A thermal blanket surrounds the brew chamber to keep water within 1 degree Fahrenheit of the ideal temperature. After the coffee brews, it is pulled through a 70-micron filter. The resulting grounds are pushed out of the top of the machine. The coffee itself flows into your cup – hot, aromatic and amazingly flavourful. We're pretty sure it will be the best cup of coffee you've ever tasted."

It was very impressive demonstration and the result was very convincing. The process is a bit time-consuming, as one can imagine it must be to work effectively. The combination of a premium roasted bean, and the vacuum press and filtering, may just spoil us for anything else at a coffee chain store.



It was a nice outing downtown for many of us, and we decided to make the most of the day by gathering for a communal lunch at Anton's, Burnaby's famous pasta restaurant.

Many thanks to Tony for showing us a wonderful day at his favourite hangouts.







According to Starbucks:

“We spend a lot of time in origin markets searching for the finest coffees – ones with distinct flavors that enchant, amaze and captivate. But of the thousands we encounter, only a precious few are deemed exceptional enough to become Starbucks Reserve™ coffees. These intriguing offerings are only available for limited times at select stores.”

Spring Retail Report

Dilawri Group of Companies takes ownership of six Mercedes-Benz locations in Vancouver

TORONTO, ON – Effective immediately, Dilawri Group of Companies will take ownership of six Mercedes-Benz locations in Vancouver. The locations, which previously formed Mercedes-Benz Canada's Vancouver Retail Group, were divested as part of an ongoing worldwide assessment of Mercedes-Benz Cars sales and after-sales networks. Prior to the transfer of ownership, Mercedes-Benz Canada had one of the highest shares of corporately owned retail locations of all markets around the world. This led to the decision to reduce the company's overall corporate retail footprint in Canada by divesting the Vancouver locations.

“Throughout this process, our priority was to find a buyer who would maintain the same high standards of sales and service that our customers have come to expect from these well-established Vancouver locations,” said Brian D. Fulton, President & CEO, Mercedes-Benz Canada. “After a comprehensive review, which incorporated several of the leading Mercedes-Benz dealers across the globe, Dilawri Group of Companies emerged as our retailer of choice. In addition to their excellent retail experience and strong reputation in the industry, we were impressed by their commitment to our retail employees who are integral to creating positive experiences for our customers. We are confident that our customers and employees are in very good hands with Dilawri; they are experienced, reliable, socially responsible, and invested in the dealerships' long-term success. We look forward to supporting their efforts in Vancouver in the months and years to come.”

As Canada's largest automotive group, Dilawri Group of Companies operates 72 franchised dealerships with more than 4,000 employees nationwide. Dilawri already owns Mercedes-Benz franchises in Langley, British Columbia and Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec. By acquiring the Vancouver locations, the group adds five dealerships and one body-shop to its portfolio. The locations involved in the sale are:

[Symbol] Mercedes-Benz North Vancouver (two locations):

- o North Vancouver (Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales & Service)
- o Bodyshop (Mercedes-Benz Cars Service)

[Symbol] Mercedes-Benz Richmond (two locations):

- o Richmond (Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales & Service)
- o Richmond Service Center (Mercedes-Benz Cars Service)

[Symbol] Mercedes-Benz Boundary (one location):

- o Boundary Road (Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales & Service, Mer-

cedes-Benz Vans Page 2 Sales & Service)

[Symbol] Mercedes-Benz Vancouver (one location):

- o Terminal Avenue (Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales & Service)

The new ownership will not impact Mercedes-Benz customers, who will continue to enjoy the same Mercedes-Benz sales and service offerings at these Vancouver locations.

“We are honoured and thrilled to expand our partnership with Mercedes-Benz through the addition of these high-profile locations. We are committed to continuing the Mercedes-Benz tradition of delivering exceptional customer service and showcasing the brand's lineup of world-class vehicles,” said Ajay Dilawri, who shares the title of Principal Director with his brothers, Tony and Kap. “We look forward to working closely with our new colleagues at the six locations and would like to officially welcome them to the Dilawri family.”

About Dilawri Group of Companies

Dilawri Group of Companies is Canada's largest automotive group with 72 franchised dealerships representing 30 automotive brands throughout Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Privately owned and operated by the Dilawri family since 1985, the company continues to expand its footprint in Canada, building on its history of excellence in the automotive industry. With more than 4,000 employees, Dilawri Group of Companies is proud to offer exceptional products and customer service in every dealership. For more information about Dilawri please visit www.dilawri.ca.

About Mercedes-Benz Canada

Mercedes-Benz Canada is responsible for the sales, marketing, and service of Mercedes-Benz and Mercedes-AMG passenger vehicles, Mercedes-Benz Vans, and smart. Headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc. employs approximately 1,200 people in 14 locations across Canada. Through a nationwide network of seven Mercedes-Benz own retail operations and 52 authorized dealerships, Mercedes-Benz Canada sold 49,758 vehicles in 2018. This positioned Mercedes-Benz as the top luxury manufacturer in Canada for the fifth consecutive year.

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



Welcome to the family.

Dilawri is proud to welcome four new Mercedes-Benz dealerships to our growing automotive family. With 13 brands across 22 dealerships throughout B.C., we're prepared—more than ever—to help you drive excellence forward.

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1375 Marine Drive
North Vancouver | 604.984.9351

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MBCA BC Stars Award Dinner

January 12, 2019

A Happy New Year to all our Members! The BC Stars brought in the New Year with the 2019 Awards Dinner once again at the Pier 7 restaurant in North Vancouver. This is our annual Club get-together to celebrate the great times of our past year's accomplishments, and to share what we would like to see for the year ahead. Our BC Stars Section President, Matt Peck, hosted a wonderful evening for us arranged by Linda and Gary Pullyblank. We had a delightful time with old friends and new. Our former Newsletter Editor, Bruce Woloshyn, with the help of his son Joe, escorted his lovely date, Fay Rorke. We were also joined by another new Member, Ellie Bolgar. We very much enjoyed meeting her and escort, Sean Lawlor. We look forward to seeing them at other events.

On a sad note, our very active and much-loved member, Marion Rutherford, passed away over the Christmas holidays. Marion,

along with her husband Don, always brought great enjoyment to any event. She is sadly missed, but we were very pleased that Don was able to join us.

Under the guidance of new President Matt, 2018 was a hard year to top. We did have some challenges with the uncertainty of the re-organization of our main sponsor, Mercedes-Benz Canada, and the loss of Shipbuilders' Square, our regular Show & Shine venue. We did however, have some unprecedented successes, also!

Jeff Shindler, our Regional Director and one of our own from BC, actively made his mark as the only Regional director from Canada. Jeff is not only doing a great job of representing us to the National Office, but he is also giving us some invaluable guidance. Congratulations, Jeff!

2018 was the first time our MBCA Section participated in a high-profile auto exhibition. Matthew Peck, our "Prez", managed to

somehow finagle us a display booth at the Vancouver International Auto show, at the downtown Convention Centre. With the willing loan of cars, and the volunteer help of many Members, we were able to put on an eye-catching Mercedes display for the public. What is now an annual driving and social event, the Okanagan Wine Tour, was rescued by a wave of Member enthusiasm, despite our hotel flooding and the threat of seasonal fires.

The Wine Tour was of course, published in our successfully revamped Section Newsletter, by Editor Joseph Anthony, and his dedicated staff.

Joseph Anthony received this year's Member of the Year Award. Sean Clark greatly appreciated his local award for Outstanding Dedication, and Joe Woloshyn received his own Special Award as Youngest MB Owner.

Each year, our Club plays an active role in an annual charity event, the German Car Festival. We had an incredible turnout, well han-



35 years of w201 | 2.3 16V, 2.5 16v Evo2, 2.3 16V Race Car

In celebration of 35 years of w201, here is our 190E corral



Wei's 2.5 16v, Yensen's 2.3 16v,



Rennsport Automotors displayed their 190E 2.5 16V Evolution 2



dled by the BC Stars assistance to Rod Meares of the BMW Club. Our volunteers helped make the event a resounding success, surpassing donations of previous years.

Many thanks go to Section Vice President, Tony Millikin, for yet another great Show & Shine event. Tony and his volunteer crew, put on a very professional show and won us a lot of attention. Tony and Matt managed to secure two very iconic W201 cars for display, the Eddy Lai "Flying Tiger" race car, and a very rare 2.5 litre EVO 2 Cosworth-powered homologation. Our MBCA National Board Vice President, Steve Ross, visited us from San Diego, to help officiate and hand out awards. He was very impressed that we counted 86 cars onsite that day, and display cars they were unable to obtain for the Legends of the Autobahn, at Pebble Beach. Quite a coup!

To sum up, we had an exceptionally great year. Our small BC Stars Section lost the 2018 Section of The Year Award by only a narrow margin. Thanks to the collective efforts and enthusiasm of our Members.

Well done, everyone!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 17 - 19 2019

MBCA WINE TOUR

The Okanagan Wine Tour this year will be based in Penticton. We will visit wineries in the North Okanagan, and will also include some more scenic driving, which will allow us to visit new locations and return to a couple of favorites from the past.

WHEN: Friday, May 17 — Sunday, May 19, 2019

WHERE: Okanagan Wine Tour , Penticton, BC

Register: www.mbcawinetour.com

BOOK YOUR HOTELS!

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Mention you're with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America to receive discount rates.

Please note that rooms are being held ONLY until 12:00 noon on **April 7, 2019**. If you are planning to attend the event, please book your room before **April 7, 2019**



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MONTHLY MEETINGS

WHITE SPOT 6PM.

1616 W Georgia St, Vancouver, BC V6G 2V5

The monthly meeting takes place on the first Tuesday of the month



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Want more causal weekly/monthly cruises with other Mercedes Benz enthusiasts? Want a bigger role within the club? Do you have a suggestion?

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