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Ready for the Shelter Island Drive - photos by Sean Clark

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The new Mercedes-Benz EQS SUV. Image (C) Daimler AG



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# Show & Shine 2022

Mercedes-Benz Langley  
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Saturday, September 3 | 10am-3pm

Mercedes-Benz Langley | 20801 Langley Bypass Langley, BC



The New 2022 SL 63 AMG



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Club Drive to Shelter Island

Club Executive member David Cooper arranged a group drive to Shelter Island Marina with lunch at Tug Boat Annie’s on May 14th, 2022

The participants met at the west end of McArthurGlen Outlet Mall in Richmond, and drove via the Westminster Hwy to Lulu Island Winery to photograph cars, and visit the winery. They then headed to Shelter Island Marina and Boatyard in Richmond. Following a walk around, lunch was enjoyed at Tugboat Annie’s at Shelter Island.

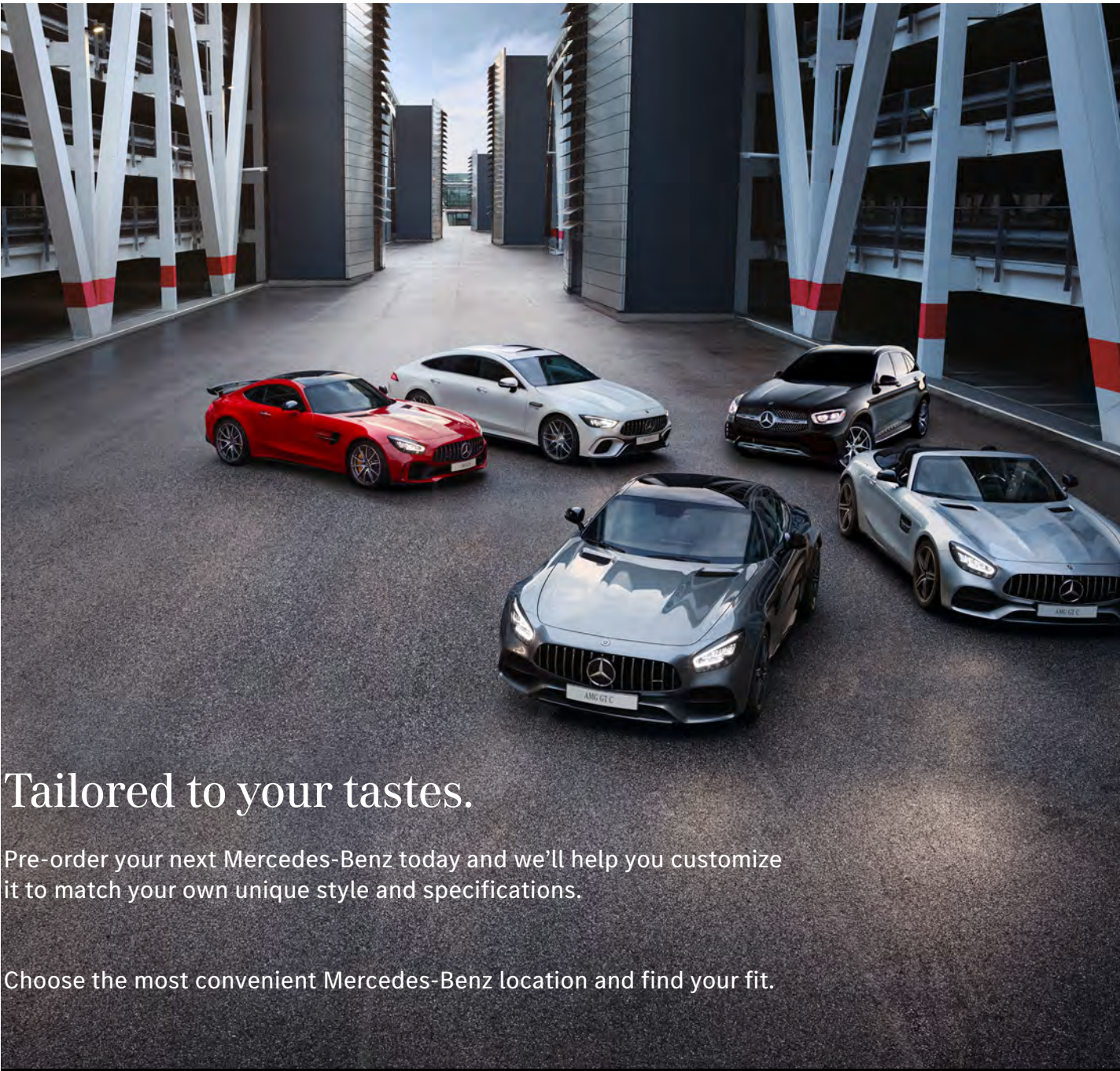
There was a good turnout - seventeen participants - and despite the weather everyone enjoyed themselves. It was great to be out together diriving our cars again.



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# Mercedes-Benz Classic Notes July 2022

## Important anniversaries and milestones from the chronicle of the world's oldest luxury car manufacturer.

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### July 1947 – 75 years ago

Mercedes-Benz entered the successful post-war era with the 170 V

- Restart of production of this precursor to the E-Class
- Important signal of a new start in difficult times
- Originally launched in 1936, the W 136 series became a bestseller right from the start



It took courage, skill and organisational brilliance to start producing cars again after the end of the Second World War. Production facilities had been destroyed and materials were scarce. Mercedes-Benz took the first step quickly and from May 1946 initially produced urgently needed platform trucks and ambulances based on the 170 V (W 136). A good year later, things were proceeding: from July 1947, the company resumed production of the four-door saloon – an important signal of further normality. The vehicle was the only passenger car model in the Mercedes-Benz model range until 1949. Even before the war, this predecessor of the E-Class, presented in 1936, was a great success: the technically advanced and visually modern saloon was the brand's most successful passenger car up to that point. A total of 140,415 units of the 170 V were produced."

### 13 July 1992 – 30 years ago

Twelve cylinders marked the top-of-the-range R 129-series SL

- 290 kW (394 hp) and torque of 570 Nm
- Only the lettering on the side distinguished the 600 SL from the other models
- With a price of DM 217,740, it was a highly exclusive luxury car



Silky smooth, turbine-like operation: the twelve-cylinder engine was considered the pinnacle of combustion engine design and the power plant of choice for luxury sports cars. The balanced relationship between oscillations and vibrations made this possible. Mercedes-Benz presented the 600 SL with this coveted engine in July 1992 – after the S-Class had already been available with a twelve-cylinder engine since 1991. This had the internal designation M 120 and developed an output of 290 kW (394 hp) and torque of 570 Nm from a displacement of 5,987 cubic centimetres.

Externally, the new top-of-the-range SL model was only recognisable by the "V12" lettering next to the side ventilation fins. The modifications under the bodywork, on the other hand, were immense and extended into the bodyshell. More powerful brakes provided adequate deceleration. The price as well as the very extensive standard equipment reflected the effort: at its premiere, the 600 SL cost DM 217,740 – around DM 64,000 more than a 500 SL. A total of 11,089 units of the SL 600, as it was known from 1993 onwards, were produced until 2001, making these highly exclusive vehicles long sought-after collector's items."





## MBCA-SEATTLE SECTION

### Annual Regional Show & Shine 2022

**Sunday, August 21<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Griot's Garage, Tacoma**

Our **MBCA Annual Regional Show & Shine** is back!! Save the date for Sunday, August 21<sup>th</sup>, and join fellow **Mercedes-Benz** members at **Griot's Garage Retail Store** in Tacoma. This event offers **People's Choice** voting with awards, local dealer displays and door prizes. **Griot's** is also offering a 15% discount on all their car care products to every registered attendee. Watch for all the details and the registration form in the next **Silver Star Newsletter** which will be emailed to all members soon. Contact Tony Andrews, [clk55tony@gmail.com](mailto:clk55tony@gmail.com) or 503-309-7392.

## Agassiz Cruise, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Summer is officially here! Finally, at the end of June, the BC Stars Section enjoyed our first sunny day drive of the 2022 season. Dave and Sharon Cooper took us on a great drive through farm country, from Pitt Meadows to Agassiz. We had an enthusiastic turnout of 17 cars, eager to hit the road!

Our 9am meetup was at [Hopcott Farms](#), with fresh farm produce, mostly raised onsite. Not much time for shopping though. Dave moved us along promptly at 9:30, and nobody wanted to wait to get going.

As it was definitely top-down motoring weather, many people turned up in their convertibles, but a good number turned up in their favourite Mercedes sedan, to enjoy the drive. There was certainly a good variety. From Ken and Trish Brown in their magnificent 1965 220S Cabriolet, to Hardy and Elizabeth Suelzer in their white GT-C! There was so much in between. It was good to see Hwan Kim with his red 380SL, Cory Dawson in his unique C63, and a new member, Harnek Mann who brought his son in their W115 coupe. There were just too many others to list.

Dave and Sharon led the way along Old Dewdney Trunk road to our first stop at [Hayward Lake](#), in their very lovely bright yellow 450SL. Saiyesh Dhanji followed up behind the pack, in my 560SL, right behind Helen Poon's 300SD W116. At the lake, we all had a good opportunity for lots of photos in front of cars, and check out each other's rides.

Our next stop was to be [Farmhouse Cheeses](#), in Agassiz. The drive wound along Hwy. 7, following the river with scenic views and an unhurried pace. It was well worth the stop at the cheese shop, lots to choose from, made right on the premises. The only challenge we found in an open car

without air conditioning, was finding a way to pack our purchases so they didn't melt before we got home. My car was not the only one with a trunk full of ice bags.

Lastly, Dave led us to the [Corner Café](#) in Agassiz, for our lunch. There is a full array of homemade pastries, a menu full of comfort foods, and a great coffee bar. It is a must-visit if you pass through Agassiz.

Our thanks to our hosts, Dave and Sharon. What a great day!

*Photos courtesy of Sean Clark*









# EQS Launch Party - Vancouver

Several club members were able to enjoy the hospitality of Dilawri Mercedes-Benz Vancouver at the launch party for the EQS, held on May 6th this year.



Photos courtesy of Sean Clark







### Welcome New Members

The BC Stars Section warmly welcomes the following new members to our club:

- Harnek Mann, Aldergrove BC
- Nicolas Kruse, Maple Ridge BC
- Kevin Allen, Juneau, Alaska
- George Caldwell, Surrey BC
- Court Smith, Vancouve BC



Another image from the May 2022 EQS Launch event.

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