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A note from the Editor

The Editor wishes to apologize to all BC Stars club members and readers for the delay in producing this newsletter.

On the cover:

Granville Island at Night - photo by Sean Clark

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From the President

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Our 2021/2022 year was certainly more active than the previous Covid years. If you participated in every meeting or event you would have attended over 30 functions, from zoom meetings, fabulous country drives, Dilawri Mercedes-Benz meetings, Sunday Cars & Coffee meets, and show'n'shines. I can't think of a busier year in recent memory and I have been a member for over 25 years. And this doesn't even include all of the gatherings by our friends in the Benzcouver group, and the various Greater Vancouver Cars & Coffee meets that many of our members attended this year.

We had 7 monthly meetings by Zoom and 6 Sunday morning Cars & Coffee at Como Lake Starbucks in Coquitlam where we greeted many new faces from the Mercedes-Benz community. This new monthly event occurring on the 3rd Sunday each month has become quite successful rain or shine.

We were graciously hosted by Dilawri Mercedes-Benz Boundary and Langley for our in person meetings in their lovely board rooms.

We had 4 major day drives out of the City starting with a huge gathering of R107's at Deas Island Regional Park in Delta to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the R107 body. I believe we had over 20 R107's in attendance. This was followed by a participation in the inaugural show'n'shine at the exclusive Trove car condo facility in Richmond as a joint participant with Benzcouver.

On a rainy day in May, we gathered about a dozen cars at MacArthur Glen on Sea Island for a leisurely drive to the Lulu Island Winery in Richmond where we had a wee tasting before a romp through Richmond to the Shelter Island Pub for a delicious lunch.

In May one of our members was chosen to escort Miss Canada in his shiny red 560SL in the Fort Langley Day Parade, followed later that day by a good showing of club members at a Benzcouver meet at Tsawwassen Mills in South Delta.

In June, David Cooper led us on a lovely sunny drive in the country starting at the farm market in Pitt Meadows, meandering through the back roads to the Stave Lake power station park and on to a cheese tasting and eventual lunch in Agassiz near Harrison Hot Springs. Many new faces and cars were in attendance.

On August 7th, after a cars & coffee meet at Como Lake

Starbucks a contingent headed off for a drive up the back roads to Pitt Lake whose parking lots were unfortunately clogged, and so a beautiful lunch was had on the patio of the Swaneset Bay Resort and Country Club in Pitt Meadows.

The following weekend was the President's BBQ and Social hosted by Leigh Gayman & Dan Cachola at their home in North Vancouver. Almost 25 attended including former member Max Winchester and his wife Tiffany, now residing in Australia, and longtime former member Louis Fourie who showed up in his recently restored Austin Healey 3000. This turned out to be one of our best social gatherings of the 2022 car season.

And the weekend following that, 4 of our members jaunted down to Seattle to attend the Seattle Section's annual picnic and Show'n'shine at Griots Garage in Tacoma Washington. The drive down included the scenic Chuckanut Drive from Bellingham, which yours truly nearly got lost trying to find by relying on Apple maps!

Our premiere event of the year, our summer Show'n'Shine was graciously hosted at the Dilawri Mercedes-Benz dealer in Langley, where the dealer pulled out all the stops to promote, accommodate and make the event the most successful car show we have had in years, with over 100 cars in attendance. Thanks go out to many in our club who helped put this on, especially Manfred and Marie Stenzel and Tony Milliken, who came down from Kelowna just to attend.

Our final sunny drive for the season was an impromptu run to the car popular Isetta Café in West Vancouver, followed by a trip up to the Furry Creek golf course, and a stop at beautiful Porteau Cove on the way back.

We had 7 social lunches this car club season from Tugboat Annies Pub in Richmond, Adrians at the Airport in Langley, Swaneset Country Club in Pitt Meadows, Hart House restaurant in Burnaby, the Best Western Pub in Langley, as well as the Agassiz café and the Isetta in West Vancouver.

Thanks go out to all of our volunteers and members who made this a successful car club season. Now to think up some plans for our next few rainy months and big future events....perhaps a return to a Whistler Weekend in 2023.

Leigh Gayman

A Selection of Images from the 2022 Club Events Calendar





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MBCA BRITISH COLUMBIA SECTION, AUTOMOBILE CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of MBCA BRITISH COLUMBIA SECTION, AUTOMOBILE CLUB (the "Society") will be held at the Mercedes-Benz dealership, 20801 Langley Bypass, Langley City, British Columbia, on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors;
- To receive and consider the financial statements of the Society for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021;
- To fix the number of directors for the ensuing year at a minimum of five and a maximum of ten;
- To elect directors for the ensuing year; and
- To transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the Meeting.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 22nd day of October, 2022.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Leigh Gayman"
President and Director

Members are invited to review the required Financial Report and documentation for the AGM, at [this link](#).

The list of Officers as per Directors' resolution dated August 7, 2021 are:

President - Leigh Gayman
Vice President - David Cooper
Secretary - Manfred Stenzel
Treasurer - Gary Pullyblank
Historian - Marie Stenzel
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BC Section Show and Shine 2022

By: Manfred Stenzel – Event Coordinator

September 3, 2022

What a day!

Following months of preparation of the Show & Shine Committee we all arrived at the Dilawri Mercedes-Benz Dealership in Langley BC at 8:00 am to start setting up for the day's event.

Once on-site the tents, tables and chairs arrived, and suddenly from what seemed like nowhere an amazing army of fellow volunteers shows up and things seem to magically happen.

Tents are set up, tables and chairs arranged, membership and registration tables get set up and ready and the cars start coming in at 9:00 am.

The volunteers really make it happen and I can't thank them enough for all the help they have given today and over the last few months. They took the vision of what the day could be and energized it.

History

The first Show and Shine was organized in 2014 when then President Louie Fourie suggested that maybe the MBCA - BC Section should organize a Show and Shine. The next thing we had some cars gathered and we enjoyed each other's company.

That year we were going to be at a new venue, and that venue had a stage. So, we invited some vendors to join us and give a chat from the stage during the day to help us learn some new things. It was nice - and different from the usual "put the cars out" and talk to each other. We arranged for a parking marshal to greet people as they arrived, and the Mercedes-Benz retail organization stepped up and helped us with prizes. It was a good event and planted the seeds for what we might be able to do next time.

In 2015 we got more organized and had some good quality print flyers made up, started using Facebook and other social media to tell the world what we were doing, and we started with a pre-registration in order for us to be able to know what we were looking for in terms of numbers. We had 43 pre-registered cars that year, and I can't find the record of cars on site but it was definitely an improvement

from the year before. More people attending meant that there were more conversations, which helped prove we were on the right path.

In 2016 we took a bigger step, with 75 cars pre-registered. On-stage chats included one on club membership. A few more prizes from the vendors who arrived including the Mercedes-Benz dealership, who brought some new cars with them! We had more cars than the site could handle. It was tough to get in and out of the site.

The 2017 Show & Shine had 66 cars pre registrants; even a few arrived from Alberta!

In 2018 the Show & Shine had 70 cars pre-registered. Steve Ross drove up and attended this event and was helpful in letting us know we were on the right track. This year we stopped doing vendor presentations and had them in tents up behind the registration and membership tents. If people wanted a conversation, they could engage the vendors on their own.

The 2019 Show & Shine had 101 pre-registrants and the noon count was 93 cars on the field. We had Alberta members arrive and Washington members as well! Some pre-registrants did not arrive and we had some last minute arrivals to join us! This was the first year we added timelines for registrations. For the first month pre-registration was free. From then up to 5 days before the event the pre-registration went to \$10.00 per car. Registration at the gate was set to \$20.00 with 15 vehicles paying at the gate!

2020 – 2021 Because of COVID 19 the MBCA – BC Section Show & Shine Event was cancelled

2022 Show & Shine had 92 cars preregistered, 11 did not show and we had 14 arrivals at the gate. The noon count was 106 cars. This was the second year we had pre-registration. The event pre-registration was \$20.00 per car. Registration at the gate was set at \$30.00.

This year each registrant showing a car got a Mercedes-Benz Lanyard, a Mercedes-Benz Water Bottle, a pre-printed dash card, an envelope with a welcome letter that also contained prize tickets, a participant name badge for the lanyard, and a copy of Monte Cristo Magazine with a 1 year free subscription.

About the registered cars: We had 8 decades represented from the 1950s to the 2020s. Our oldest attendee was a 1959 300SL Roadster.

Thank you to all the Partners that made the 2022 MBCA – BC Section Show & Shine successful.

[Dilawri Group](#) – Their involvement from the start with the producing of the 2022 Show & Shine theme Posters “The Return Of An Icon” and renting all the tables and chairs for the day’s Event.

[Mercedes-Benz Dealership Langley](#), Allowing the MBCA – BC Section Show & Shine on their Dealerships and showing 6 cars in their Service bay

[Tire Link/ Mercedes-Benz Langley](#) offered a set of four tires valued at \$2,000.

[All West Insurance](#) offered 3 trophies GOLD< SILVER< BRONZE for the People’s Choice Awards

[Midland Appliances](#) – offered a Fridge valued at \$2,500

[Michelin Tires](#) – offered a set of 4 tires valued at \$2.000

[Van Houtte Coffee](#) – offered 3 prizes Gourmet single cup Brewing System valued at \$1.000

[Maple Tech Audio](#) – offered 4 prizes valued at \$800

[Manmar Consultants](#) – offered a Moto Master Eliminator Booster Pack with Air valued at \$150

And then it was done! And this year I knew all the volunteers were “on task”.
Show photos will be posted and can be viewed on the Website and MBCA Stars Face Book page

Again, thank you to all the amazing people from our MBCA – BC Section and the Dilawri Group, who worked so hard in setting up this event on event day. Without all their hard work there is no way we could enjoy the company of the fine automobiles and their owners.

To those of you who attended, thank you for coming out and we really hope you enjoyed your day. MBCA – BC Section and Dilawri Group are looking forward to hosting you and your friends again next year!



Images from the BC Stars Show & Shine, September 2022



Check out a video of the BC Stars Show and Shine 2022 [here](#).
Thanks to KWG VIDS for these memories!





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Mercedes-Benz Classic Notes September - October 2022

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

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1 October 1992 – 30 years ago

European premiere of the Mercedes-Benz 400 E of the 124 model series

- V8 sophistication in the inconspicuous dress of the upper mid-size class
- Particularly successful in North America
- Adaptation of bodyshell structure, suspension, brakes and exhaust system

As a high performer in the inconspicuous attire of the upper mid-size class, the Mercedes-Benz 400 E made its debut in Europe 30 years ago, on 1 October 1992. The performance of the 205 kW (279 hp) saloon with the 4.2-litre V8 M 119 engine, familiar from the S-Class 140 model series, is admittedly somewhat lower than that of the legendary E 500. Unlike that particular vehicle, however, the 400 E has exactly the same body as the other models in the 124 series. This makes the outwardly inconspicuous V8 saloon a real wolf in sheep's clothing that can only be distinguished from the rest of the model range by its badge. Underneath the body, however, there are various differences. For example, Mercedes-Benz modified the bodyshell structure due to the higher space requirements of the engine and also adopted parts of the suspension and brake system from the SL sports cars of the 129 model series. The exhaust system with exhaust gas recirculation, secondary air injection and large-volume catalytic converter corresponds to that of the 500 E. The 400 E was produced for export to the United States of America and Japan from 1991 onwards. From May 1991 to June 1995, 22,802 customers bought this model, which was listed as the E 420 following the restructuring of the vehicle nomenclature in 1993. It was particularly successful in North America, with 15,440 vehicles delivered to the United States alone.



7 October 1992 – 30 years ago

The Mercedes-Benz S-Class of the 140 model series became “World Car 1992”

- The award ceremony took place at the Paris Motor Show
- The 300 SE 2.8 and the 300 SD rounded off the model range
- Since 2021, well-maintained early units of the 140 model series have been considered historical cultural assets

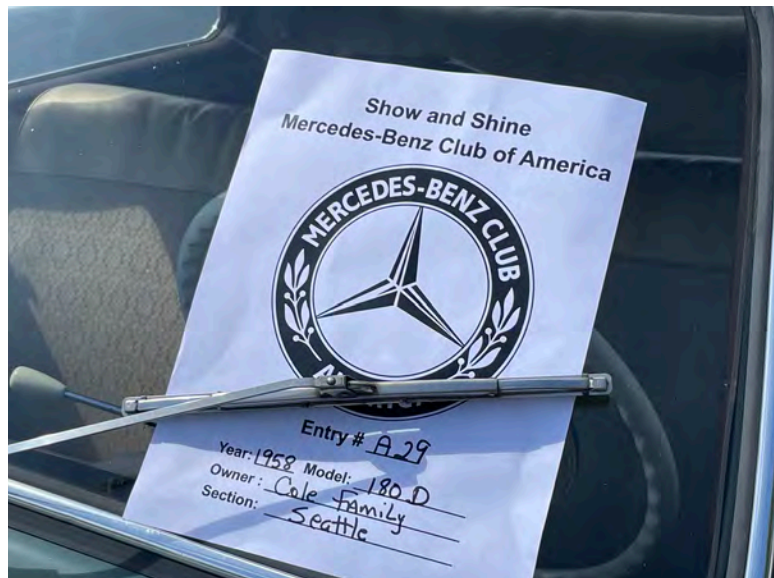
Environmental compatibility, safety and comfort – these are the areas in which the Mercedes-Benz S-Class 140 model series will shape the future. That was the vote of an international jury of automotive journalists 30 years ago. The result: on 7 October 1992, on the eve of the Paris Motor Show (8 to 18 October 1992), it was named “World Car 1992”. But that is not all: the brand also presented the 300 SE 2.8 and the 300 SD at the show. For the first time, an S-Class was also offered in Europe with a diesel engine. By the time production of the 140 model series ended in 1998, a total of 406,532 vehicles had been built – in seven years of production. Since 2021, well-maintained early units of this S-Class have been able to receive the coveted H registration plate as a recognised classic car. Thus, some three decades later, the “World Car 1992” is classified as a historical cultural asset.



The Seattle Show & Shine, August 21st, 2022.

by Sean Clark

The BC Stars and the Seattle Section have long enjoyed a close relationship sharing in each other's events. Of course that has not been possible in recent years. However, with the easing of border restrictions three of our Members drove to Griot's Garage to join Regional Director Jeff Shindler at the 2022 Regional Show & Shine. The three R107s of Leigh Gayman, Dan Cachola, and Sean Clark set out along the scenic winding Chuckanut Drive and onto the I-5 to Tacoma. There was an excellent turnout after the uncertainty of Covid. The Griot's parking lot was filled with a good range of Mercedes from old to new. Griot's has a small museum that rotates displays of many collector cars. It was a good opportunity to reunite with several of the Officers and long-time Members of the Section. Veteran Emcee and Past President, Tony Andrews, officiated. It was good to see the new President David Glass, once more. Event organizer Bob Willits was on hand, and friend Jim Houk displayed his immaculately original 350SL. Sadly, Past President, Jerry Cole, had passed on since the last Show & Shine. His family displayed his Ponton and Fintail in his memory. It was pleasing to see however, that several Seattle Members came up for The Vancouver Show & Shine, it looks like we will see them at our Whistler event in June.



More images from the BC Stars visit to the Seattle Show & Shine, August 2022



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