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From the President

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The year started with an excellent Christmas and Awards banquet at Hart House. It was well attended and a great deal of fun. We thanked Jeff Schindler for his ongoing service to our club and the Northwest Section. This was Jeff's final year in the position and he has done a fantastic job for the MBCA.

We scheduled a drive to Stave Lake after our April Cars and Coffee, sadly only 4 cars braved the rain. It was a complete downpour. Oh well.

In May we returned to Whistler. We narrowly missed being run down by a BMW that took out the Whole Foods vegetable section. Luckily we were on the road by the time it happened.

The event had 12 Mercedes Benz's and a Mazda CX9 oddly. Three participants were from the Seattle Section. In the evening we all got together in my suite for some food I prepared, some decent wine and a lot of great conversation.

In the spring we heard of the passing of long time member Dr Ken Brown. It hit us all pretty hard. Trish and Ken were very active in the club and I really enjoyed the time I spent with them. It will always be a good memory for me.

A few of us attended Ken's celebration of life and the club bought three trees in a memorial planting near Creston BC. In September Trish and their daughter Alex brought Ken's Cabriolet to the Show and Shine. We all enjoyed their company very much.

In September we had our annual Show and Shine. We filled the Mercedes Boundary Dealership with close to 90 very unique vehicles. Everything from a beautiful 1952 220, to a 2022 apocalypse ready Sprinter van. This year's show brought many new vehicles and attendees. Although we had fewer cars than last year, I think it was a fun and truly unique day.

My run as President hasn't ended the way I thought it would and I probably could have handled things differently, but in hindsight I am very proud of my 5 years as a director, Vice President and President. I hope the next president can keep the momentum we have built in the last two years going.

I wish you well. Thanks for listening.
David Cooper



From the Editor

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Greetings to all.

We are in need of someone to take over editorial and production responsibilities for the club newsletter. Ideally we would like to produce four newsletters per year (i.e. quarterly). Moving forward we will produce the newsletters using Microsoft Word software, although if you have access to Adobe InDesign and are able to use that, you would be free to make that choice.

If you are interested, please contact me at [newsletter\(at\)bcstars.org](mailto:newsletter(at)bcstars.org).

Thank you,
Joseph Anthony



Image taken at 2023 Show & Shine - Dilawri Mercedes-Benz Boundary, Vancouver.

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LET'S GET SOCIAL



Event Report - Show & Shine, September 10, 2023

by
Manfred Stenzel, Event Coordinator

What a day!

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

Once on-site the tables and chairs arrived, and suddenly from what seems like nowhere an amazing army of fellow volunteer's showed up and things seem to magically happen.

Tables were set up and chairs arranged, membership and registration tables ready and the cars started arriving by 9:00 am.

The volunteers really made 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.

The venue was easy to locate for all registrants.

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 a prize ticket, a participant name badge for the lanyard and a Mercedes-Benz Boundary keepsake Book.

The 2023 Show & Shine - BC Section had 62 cars preregistered, 5 did not show and we had 18 arrivals at the gate. The noon count was 80 cars. This was the second year we had pre-registration. The event pre-registration was \$25.00 per car. Registration at the gate was set at \$30.00.

About the registered cars: We had 8 decades represented from the 1950th to the 2020th

from the 50's - 2
from the 60's - 3
from the 70's - 8
from the 80's - 17
from the 90's - 14
from the 2000's - 19
from the 2010's - 12
from the 2020's - 5

Thank you to all the Partners that made the 2023 MBCA-BC Section Show & Shine successful.

Dilawri Group – Their involvement from the start with the producing of the 2023 Show & Shine theme Posters “55 Years Changing the Game” and renting all the tables and chairs for the day's Event.

Mercedes-Benz Dealership Boundary , Allowing the MBCA – BC Section Show & Shine on their Dealership and offering the Ribbons and Prizes for each decade present

All West Insurance offered 3 trophies GOLD< SILVER< BRONZE for the People's Choice Awards
Van Houtte Coffee – offered 3 prizes Gourmet single cup Brewing System

The Rhino Restoration and Detailing – offered 3 prizes

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 volunteers from our MBCA – BC Section and the Dilawri Group,. Without all their hard work there is no way we could enjoyed the company of the fine automobiles and their owners.

To those of you Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts 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 at the Dilawri Dealership on Terminal Avenue, Vancouver.



Show & Shine 2023 - Images below and following pages





Jeff Shindler (L) and Marie & Manfred Stenzel



L-to-R Sharon Cooper, Linda Pullyblank, Dan Cachola, Jeff Shindler



Club President David Cooper





Show & Shine 2023

List of Prize-Winners

Below are the prize winners for each Decade, Best in Show and Prizes held at the Boundary Bay Mercedes-Benz Dealership MBCA - BC Section & Regional 2023 Show & Shine

Decade Winners:

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|------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1950 | Mayhar Ghorbandaiy | 1952 MB 220 |
| 1960 | Trish Brown | 1965 MB 220 SEB Cabriole |
| 1970 | Greg Bedard | 1070 MB 280 SE 3.5 Coupe |
| 1980 | Daniel Adamczyk | 1987 MB 560 SEC AMG |
| 1990 | Arjang Ahmadi | 1998 MB E55T |
| 2000 | Arseni Rus | 2005 MB CL 65 |
| 2010 | Kent Hocking | 2018 MB E63 S Wagon |
| 2020 | Doc Hertling | 2020 MB Sprinter 4X4 |

Best In Show:

| | | |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gold | Mahyar Ghorbandaiy | 1952 MB 220 |
| Silver | Mike Cutter | 2011 MB SLS AMG |
| Bronze | Ryan Love | 2008 MB CLK 63 Black Series |

Prize Winners:

Van Houtte Coffee - Kuerig Coffee Maker

1. Nick Liem
2. Elaine Miller
3. Mike Yan

David Cooper - Car Model

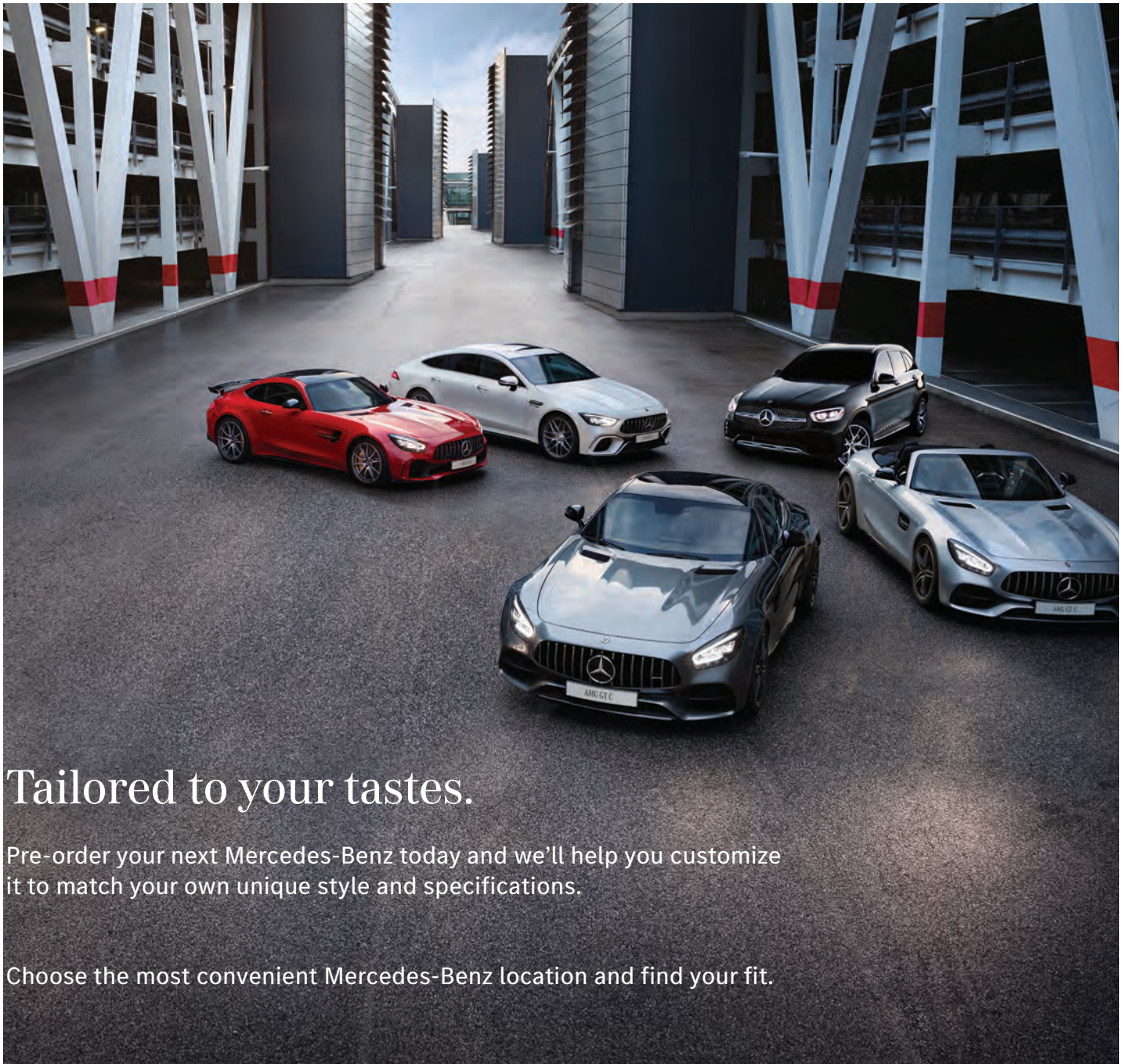
Kent Hocking

Rhino Restoration

1. Harnek Mann
2. Tanya Petraszko

Congratulations to all our 2023 winners!





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Mercedes-Benz Classic Notes Fall 2023

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

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1 to 11 October 1998 – 25 years ago

Presentation of the Mercedes-Benz S-Class from the 220 model series in Paris

- Trendsetter in automobile engineering, with 30 technical innovations and 340 patents
- Generous feeling of spaciousness, agile handling, DISTRONIC and COMAND
- The S 600 with a new twelve-cylinder engine followed in 1999

The Mercedes-Benz S-Class from the 220 model series presented at the Paris Motor Show from 1 to 11 October 1998 impressed with its agile, unobtrusive lines. Despite reduced external dimensions and lower weight, it offered the same, generous feeling of spaciousness as the preceding 140 model series. AIRMATIC air suspension and the ADS adaptive damping system contributed to the luxury saloon's easy handling. 340 patents resulted in 30 technical innovations, some of them used for the first time in a production car – e.g. the optional DISTRONIC proximity control system. The new “Cockpit Management and Data System” (COMAND) made it easier to operate the navigation system, car radio, telephone, CD changer and TV receiver. 484,697 units of the S-Class from the 220 model series were produced up to 2005.



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