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LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

12/04/2005: HOLIDAY DINNER FROM 12 NOON TO 4PM;
\$27.50/PERSON @ BONWIT INN, COMMACK; SEE PAGE 4

12/11/2005: JONES BEACH HOLIDAY LIGHT SPECTACULAR FROM
5PM TO 5:30PM @ JONES BEACH; SEE PAGE 4

04/02/2006: SPRING RALLY; DETAILS NEXT QUARTER

04/2006: UPCOMING JAMES BEARD DINNER EVENT

THERE WILL ALSO BE:

- SPRING TECH SESSION (AND PERHAPS NYC AUTO SHOW)
- 2006 CONCOURS/POPULAR CAR SHOW
- FALL RALLY
- FALL TECH SESSION

EMAIL JIMMYBALDEA@MBCASEALEVEL.ORG IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE
ANY ADDITIONAL TYPES OF FUTURE EVENTS!

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Happy Holidays

M-B Press Release:

ATTENTION ALL ROLLING STONES FANS... Mercedes-Benz and The Rolling Stones have been going on tour together to celebrate the launch of the new R-Class. The "A Bigger Bang" concert series will consist of 60 concerts, and had already started at Fenway Park, Boston, almost 3 months ago. The R-Class is the official automobile of the concert series. Log onto

www.RockTheR.com for a chance to win 2 first-class (or, in our case, 2 "S-Class") tickets/accommodations to see The Rolling Stones in Europe! Log on and register... you may be the lucky winner of the one-of-a-kind R-Class vehicle that is autographed by every member of The Rolling Stones!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerry Andritz & Doris Iversen, Lamont Edwards, Adrian Mackay, Mark Alan Murray, Keith Patterson, Glen Scott Ruben, Joseph & Candace Shutovich, Nathaniel & Stella Simmons, Marie Starace, & Anthony Westreich.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to start off by apologizing for the cancellation of the Fall Rally, which has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 2nd. I also have some changes to report concerning the Board. Starting January, Andy Monahan will become the new Treasurer, and Jerry Shapiro the new Secretary. Both Bernie Berberich and Jimmy Baldea will continue to serve on the Board. I want to thank them for all of the time they spent performing those vital functions for our Section. The events that did take place were enjoyed by all who attended. On Sept. 25th, we had our annual Concours d'Elegance and Daily Driver Show, which was coordinated by Board members Peter Busacca and Bernie Berberich. On Monday, Sept. 26th, Board member Vinny Milo organized a social event at the DeSeversky Center on the Campus of New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury Campus. It was the Long Island Duck and Wine Tasting. Over twenty

members enjoyed an excellent dinner and conversations. On Saturday, Oct. 15th, Board member Andy Monahan organized a Tech Session at Lakeview Mercedes. 40+ enthusiastic members were shown some of Mercedes-Benz's outstanding new cars (shown on the right), then had a wonderful lunch, took part in a raffle of several MB products, participated in a Q&A session, and took home goodie bags. The staff at Lakeview was very accommodating, pleasant, and knowledgeable. A great time was had by all! Many events are held by the Sea-Level Section, and that there are opportunities for you to experience fun and fellowship by coming to one or more of our events. I also want the members to be aware of the enthusiasm and dedication of the Board members who organize these events. My thanks to all of them! The holidays will be upon us and I hope that all of you will put aside Sunday, Dec. 4th

(12noon, at the Bonwit Inn) to attend our Annual Holiday Party. It is a time to meet old friends and make new ones. Also, we are trying something new this year. A drive thru Christmas Light Show at Jones Beach (further details in this issue). In closing, I want to again urge the members to take part in the events. A good time awaits all. Happy Trails, and Safe Driving, Joe DeFilippe



THE JIMMY BALDEA REPORT

The upcoming Holiday Dinner always affords our members the opportunity to donate a new, unwrapped toy to a child in need. This year,

Board member Vinny Milo (Mr. James Beard) & I will co-chair the Donations Committee & look forward to your generosity to help pro-

vide some holiday happiness to patients at the Sloan-Kettering Pediatric Cancer Center. Happy Holidays and Happy 2006!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EVERYONE ON THE BOARD OF THE MBCA

It has been a pleasure to see familiar faces and meet new ones, during events held this past year! Your phonecalls and emails are always well-received, and always appreciated! We hope that you enjoyed all that the 2005 Sea-Level events, newsletters, and emails had to offer! We sincerely hope to see you at our Holiday Party, and at the Jones Beach Light Show!



THE DAILY DRIVER SHOW REVIEW AND CONCOURS WINNERS

The Daily Driver Show was well-attended, and participants all had lots of fun! The raffle went as follows.

FIRST \$100 Ray Krivacsy, 500SL, 2001, 28,000 mi.

SECOND \$75 Walther Chapodeau, 450SL, 1979, 63,000 mi.

THIRD \$50 Lou Palumbo, 230SL, 1967, 51,000 mi.

Fourth \$25 Priscilla Sedita, 320CLK, 2001, 17,000mi.

The raffle was VERY well received with a new member (Ray Krivacsy) winning the \$100. In total 15 cars were entered the raffle, with one coming very late after the raffle was over.

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The Concours was equally well-received, and spectators enjoyed seeing our members' beautiful cars. The following are the winners of the 2005 MBCA Concours:

Best of Show: Jerry Shapiro '87 560 SL

1st Place: Larry Frankel '71 280SL

2nd Place: David Denkers '70 250C

3rd Place: Walter Chapadeau '79 450SL



MBCA 50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO GERMANY INFO

Celebrate the Club's golden anniversary with a very special event. The Club is working with DCAG and Mercedes-Benz officials in Stuttgart to offer special MBCA 50th Anniversary Trips to Germany. These trips will feature unique, behind the scenes guided tours of DCAG facilities including the New Mercedes-Benz Museum

opening in May 2006 as well as the new Mercedes-Benz Center Stuttgart. Since there is a maximum of 30 members per trip, please contact Jim O'Sullivan as soon as possible to indicate your interest and reserve a spot on a particular trip. He may be reached at jimo@attglobal.net or (919) 401-9861. The currently scheduled dates for these

tours are July 24, August 14, September 18, October 9, and November 13, 2006. The September trip is the same time as the Route 66 tour, but members wishing to tour Route 66 may choose another Germany trip date. The September 18 date gives participants the opportunity to visit Munich's Oktoberfest on their own before or after the trip.

These once in a lifetime trips will never be forgotten. The contemplated trip price is \$2500 per person, subject to change. Guided tours of the AMG facility, the Classic Center in Fellbach, visits to Daimler's birthplace and workshop are all included. Members must pay for their own airfare/personal expenses.



Log onto our website for event updates and details! If you have any questions, call Jimmy Baldea @ 516-466-5858 x308

UPCOMING EVENTS: THE HOLIDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY

The Holiday Party is the time of the year when the members of the Mercedes Club celebrate socially by getting together. New members are encouraged to attend and meet fellow Mercedes car enthusiasts. Come join us for a great meal, raffle, and prizes! As a custom, please bring a new, unwrapped toy for charity at the Sloan-Kettering Pediatric Cancer Center.

DATE: Sunday, December 4, 2005 TIME: 12 Noon to 4 PM

LOCATION: Bonwit Inn, 631 499-2068, Commack Rd. & Vanderbilt Pkwy, Commack, 11725

DIRECTIONS: FROM EASTERN LONG ISLAND - LIE TO EXIT 52, MAKE A RIGHT IF COMING FROM EAST (OR MAKE A LEFT IF COMING FROM WEST) ONTO COMMACK ROAD, GO NORTH 1 MILE, THE RESTAURANT IS ON THE NE CORNER OF COMMACK RD AND VANDERBILT PKWY.

MENU: GREEK SALAD AND BREAD, FOLLOWED BY CHOICE OF: EGGPLANT ROLLATINI, CHICKEN FRANCAISE, FILLET MIGNON SHISH KABOB, OR BROILED SALMON, FOLLOWED BY DESSERT.

UPCOMING EVENTS: THE JONES BEACH HOLIDAY LIGHT

This is a first-ever driving event for the MBCA! Members and their families/friends are invited to come to Jones Beach and drive through an impressive display of 1,000,000+ lights, to celebrate the Holiday Festivities. This event is conducted by the Tommy Hilfiger Jones Beach Theater organization. The charge is approximately \$15 to \$25 PER CARLOAD (depending on the total # of passengers), and is payable in cash to the Jones Beach toll attendants, at the event. There may be a volume discount offered, and rumor has it that members and their friends/families may get together for dinner afterwards at a mutually-agreed-upon location. Santa will be there for pictures. The scenery is beautiful, and this event is definitely worth the trip! Join us, and help make it a success! Carpooling arrangements can be made if coming solo!

DATE: Sunday, December 11, 2005 TIME: 5 PM to 5:30 PM

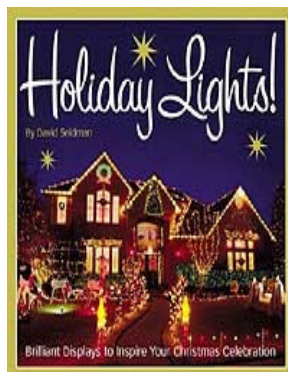
LOCATION: Jones Beach, Wantagh, NY, call 917-806-3626 if lost

DIRECTIONS: LIE OR NORTHERN STATE TO MEADOWBROOK PARKWAY SOUTH TOWARD JONES BEACH. THERE WILL BE A SIGN POSTED AT THE TOLL BOOTH AT THE ENTRANCE TO JONES BEACH.

**MBCA FACT:
THE MBCA
NATIONAL FALL
BOARD MEETING
IS SCHEDULED
FOR NOVEMBER
12, 2005 @ THE
CLARION HOTEL,
IN COLORADO
SPRINGS,
COLORADO!**



Call 800-788-3350 to order the MBCA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book



DECEMBER 4, 2005 FROM 12 NOON TO 4PM IN LONG ISLAND

I would like to reserve a total # of _____ seats for the Holiday Dinner @ \$27.50 ea. Please make checks payable to MBCA.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Tel: _____

RSVP: November 23, 2005. Mail this to: Bernie Berberich, 104 North Howells Point Road, Bellport, New York 11713.
Email reich1900@yahoo.com or call 631-286-6167 if you have any questions.

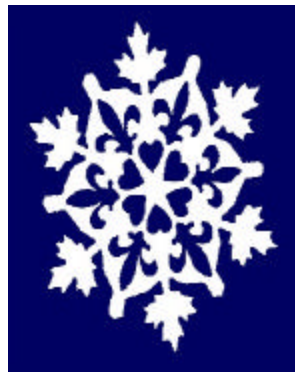
SPECTACULAR ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2005 5PM TO 5:30PM

I would like to reserve a car spot for the Jones Beach Holiday Light Spectacular. Bring payment to the event.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Tel: _____

RSVP: December 1, 2005. Mail this to: Jimmy Baldea, 350 Northern Blvd., Suite 326, Great Neck, NY 11021.
Email JimmyBaldea@MBCASeaLevel.org or call 516-466-5858 x308 if you have any questions.



THE DUCK WAS GREAT! READ ALL ABOUT IT HERE!

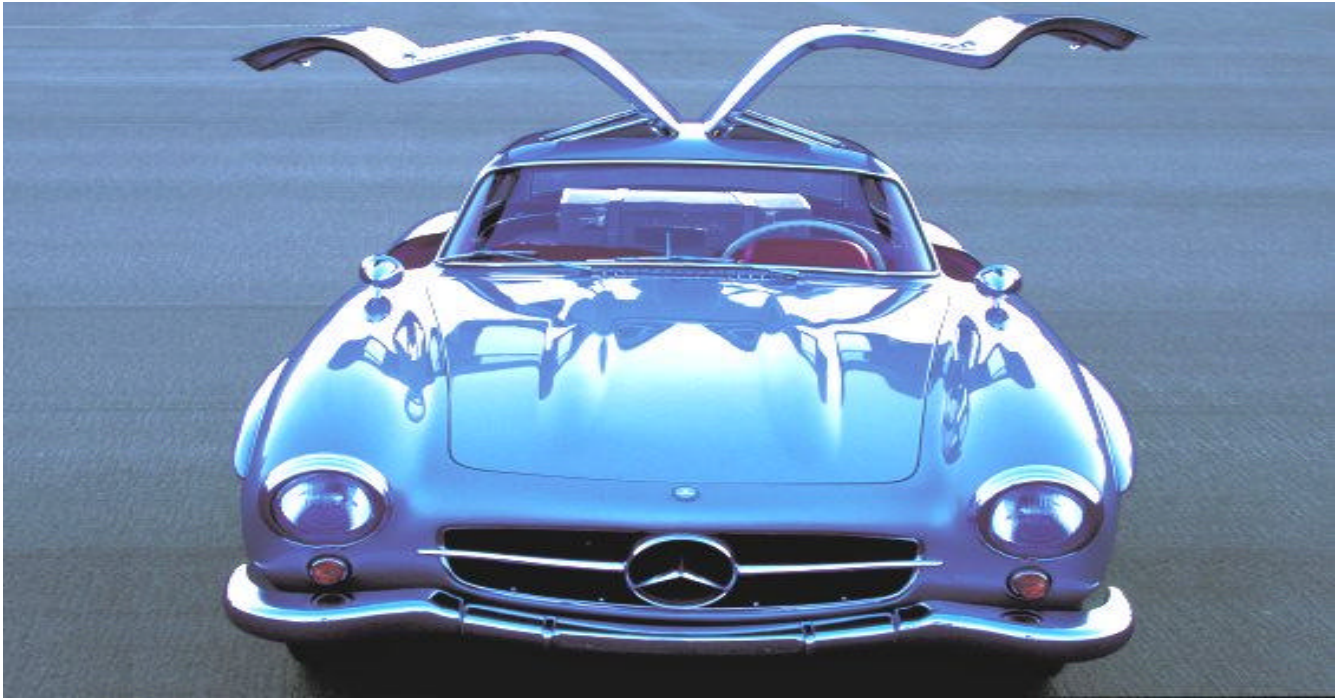
September 26, 2005 found members of the Sea-Level Section, at the Mansion at Old Westbury, celebrating Long Island Duck and Wines. The dinner, at the de Seversky Mansion, built in 1918 and featured in the movie "Arthur", evoked the grandeur of the early twentieth century. The five course dinner featured Long Island Duck prepared in different receipts. Both the Duck provider, who supplies Long Island Ducks nationally, and to most of the cities "China Towns," along with the LI Wine provider, came to our tables to discuss the menu and the pairing of the wines. A five piece string group provide elegant background music. All MBCA dinner events feature excellent food, great drinks, and fantastic atmosphere. Please join us at our next dinner event.

WE SAW THE 2007 S-CLASS AT THE LAKEVIEW TECH SESSION

On Saturday, October 15, Sea Level members were the guests of Lakeview Auto Sales & Service for a memorable Tech Session. We began with breakfast, followed by a tour of Mid Island Collision. We returned to Lakeview for a walkthrough of the 2007 S-Class, a model that will not be available until next Spring, a car with more advanced features that can be named, including a night vision dash display. Also on display were a Maybach and a McLaren SLR. Members then had an opportunity to ask technical questions. We then had lunch, followed by a raffle with prizes donated by MBUSA. Lakeview also provided gift bags for all attending. Special thanks to David Meyer, Wil Jansen, and Paul Wilson of Lakeview, Daniel Leary, Edward Stanch, and Joe Gallagher of MBUSA, and Brian McGauvran of Mid Island Collision.



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Emails from JimmyBaldea@MBCASeaLevel.org are being placed into SPAM folders, and are preventing us from emailing you. Please consult with your Internet service provider, and/or your email service provider as to what steps you can take to ensure that valuable Sea-Level emails are not filtered out of your email systems.

If you have any questions, kindly call me, Jimmy Baldea, at any time, at 516-466-5858 x308.

Hope to see your email address at our next event mailing!



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MESSAGE FROM JIMMY BALDEA:
HAPPY HOLIDAYS IN 2005 & 2006!

Place
STAMP here

TO:

Large empty rounded rectangular box for stamp placement.

Sea-Level Shop... Car Badges, Hats, & Tote Bags

The Section is now offering multi-colored, chrome-plated grill badges, and white or blue hats, and tote bags bearing our authentic Mercedes-Benz Sea-Level logo. Please make all checks payable to the MBCA.

There are two different order forms printed here. The left is for grill badges, & the right is for hats and tote bags.

Total # of Grill Badges @ \$20 ea. requested: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____

Mail this request to: John Anaischik, 200 Floral Pkwy.,
Floral Park, NY 11001. Prices include ship/handl.

Total # of white hats @ \$15 ea. requested: _____

Total # of white hats @ \$15 ea. requested: _____

Total # of tote bags @ \$20 ea. requested: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____

Mail this request to: Joe DeFilippe, 19 Chester Street,
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