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Joe's Presidential praises...

1. "special praise should be given to Board member Jerry Shapiro for getting articles about our Club's activities into the Star Magazine"
2. "Board Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Jimmy Baldea, for the new crisper looking newsletter" *Thanks, Joe... from Jimmy*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Sea-Level Section members, hopefully, you have been enjoying the Summer! I know the weather has been hot but it shall soon pass, so enjoy it while you can. Speaking of the upcoming Fall season, the Sea-Level Section is proud to continue its traditional Fall Rally. It is a fun way to test your driving, navigating, and communication skills as well as to enjoy a nice lunch and good company. The Section is also offering a Tech Session hosted by Lakeview Mercedes on October 15th and our annual Concours at the Port Jefferson Hill Climb on September 25th. I have highlighted only 3 of the upcoming Events just to give you a "taste" of the

variety of the activities offered by the Club for its members. There are other interesting events as well. The members of the Board spend a great deal of time preparing and coordinating these activities. So, I would like to again take the time to thank the Board and to ask the members that if you have any ideas please don't hesitate to mention them to myself or a board member. In addition, special praise should be given to Board member Jerry Shapiro for getting articles about our Club's activities into the Star Magazine on a regular basis. It allows our members as well as other clubs members to get an idea of the activities and fun that

we at the Sea-Level Section have. Also, "a job well done" should be given to Board Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Jimmy Baldea, for the new crisper looking newsletter. He has worked very hard and diligently to provide the Club with a quality product. In closing, I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events. Your participation will provide you not only with a nice day out but time spent with others who share your enthusiasm for a superior driving machine, the Mercedes-Benz!

Happy Trails and Safe Driving,
Joe DeFilippe

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

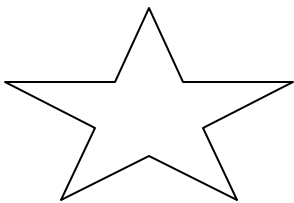
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THE JIMMY BALDEA REPORT

A special "Thank You" goes out to an eager MB dealership sales director... I had a really great conversation with Eric Molbegat from the new MB dealership in Massapequa. They are opening a new Sunrise Highway dealership, and in honor of this grand opening, are offering our members, and their families and friends a free gift certificate to Morton's Steakhouse, 777

Northern Blvd., Great Neck, 11020, AFTER test-driving any new 2005 or 2006 MB vehicle. I strongly suggest calling Eric, in advance, to schedule an appointment, at 516-457-7611. This promotion may require Eric to mail you a courtesy postcard prior to your test-drive... Please be sure to confirm all details with him. He's bright and has LOTS OF ENERGY! For

anyone seeking to buy or lease a new MB vehicle, this opportunity is golden, because Eric stressed to me that he's "going all out" to ensure utmost satisfaction to anyone who wants to buy or lease a new MB vehicle. I smell an opportunity for deal-making! They've decorated the showroom with lots of goodies! Let's show our support. Happy test-driving!



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THE FALL ROAD RALLY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

Starting @ 9am sharp, at the Riverview Restaurant, 3 Consuelo Place, Oakdale, J. Andrew "Andy" Monahan and John Anaischik have planned a fantastic Sea-Level Road Rally for our members. What a great way to meet fellow members! A road rally is an event where members drive through a well-planned course of streets/landmarks, in search of clues and answers

to questions, in order to win prizes. This event requires both a driver and a navigator who rides "shotgun" so that both can participate. If you are solo, and would like to be paired up, arrangements can be made! Cost of participation = \$19.95 per person. RSVP ASAP. Contact John @ 516-775-3597, or Andy @ 516-316-3113.

**CALL TO REGISTER!
SEE THE SEA-LEVEL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!**



THE DAILY DRIVER SHOW ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

Shine 'em up for Sunday, September 25, 2005 (with a rain date of Oct. 2), 9am to 12noon, at the Port Jefferson Harbor parking lot. The Daily Driver Show has been established for those of us with MB's that we drive on an everyday basis. This event gives daily-driven MB vehicles the same courtesy shown to the Concours vehicles, which will be on display for separate judging, right alongside the Daily Driver Show. We hope

to bring out many members for this event, so that we may all exchange car-care secrets, and be able to get to know each other a little bit better. Make sure to do your best to make your cars shine for this event! Not judged to the extensiveness of the Concours, this event will provide fairness in a competitive environment. Lots of fun! Several prizes! Call Bernie Berberich @ 631-286-6167 to register, and for directions.

Wash
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Shine Rims
Wash Wheelwells
Be creative & Have Fun

THE CONOURS D'ELEGANCE IS ALSO ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

If you have engines so clean that we can eat off of 'em, please register for the 2005 Sea-Level Concours, to be held Sunday, September 25, 2005 (with a rain date of Oct. 2), 9am to 12noon, at the Port Jefferson Harbor parking lot. This event will showcase all of the showroom-quality cars of our members. Please participate with your Con-

cours quality cars! This event will be judged, and is geared to award top rankings to those members who possess cars in pristine condition, inside, outside, and underside! This is the premiere Sea-Level Section event of the year! To participate or view, call Peter Busacca @ 516-810-3745 to register, and for directions.

**2005
Concours
d'Elegance**



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept: Sunday, 9/11/2005 Fall Rally, hosted by John A & Andy M; details on page 3.

Sept: Saturday, 9/24/2005 Alternatives for Children Charity Rally; details on this page.

Sept: Sunday, 9/25/2005 Daily Driver Show, hosted by Bernie B; details on page 3.

Sept: Sunday, 9/25/2005 Concours d'Elegance, hosted by Peter B; details on page 3.

Sept: Monday, 9/26/2005 LI Duck/Wine Tasting, hosted by Vinny M; details on this page.

Oct: Saturday, 10/15/2005 Lakeview Tech Session, hosted by Andy M; details on page 5.

Dec: Sunday, 12/4/2005 from 12pm to 2pm @ the Bonwit Inn, Commack, Long Island; contact Bernie B @ 631-286-6167. Pricing to be determined next quarter.

Also on the agenda: A Holiday Light Show Caravan @ Jones Beach, in December; contact Jimmy B @ 516-466-5858 x308.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN CHARITY ROAD RALLY

"ACCORDING TO MBUSA'S LATEST PRESS RELEASE, WE JUST HAD THE HIGHEST JULY ON RECORD WITH SALES OF 20,791 NEW VEHICLES, UP 9.6% COMPARED TO LAST JULY..

Saturday, September 24, 2005: the day before our rally, win a car (2005 Mercedes-Benz C230 Sedan), a trip to Germany, or \$20,000! The 2005 Alternatives for Children Charity Road Rally is happening for a great cause; each year, this rally supports the needs of special children in Long Island. To participate in the 9th Annual Alternatives

for Children Road Rally, please call Robin @ 631-331-6400 x220. Considering to register, to participate, to sponsor, and/or to get raffle tickets, would be a great way to contribute to charity. Participation starts @ just \$25 for raffle tickets (or \$100 for a book of 5, with 3,500 maximum tickets sold), and/or \$100 for entering your car

into the rally. Our very own Peter Busacca has participated in this charity for many years. Special thanks to Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown (the dealership formerly known as Competition Mercedes-Benz), to other Competition Imports participating dealers, and to MB Huntington! Event starts in Southampton and finishes at Pindar Vineyards.

LONG ISLAND DUCK & WINE EVENT, SEPTEMBER 26



Call Vinny Milo to RSVP @ 212-861-4027

Vinny Milo is organizing a food event, and needs an immediate RSVP! The Long Island Duck and Wine Tasting Event is scheduled to occur on September 26th. Members of the Sea-Level Section have already expressed interest in attending this event. Vinny will be accepting RSVP's on his telephone number, 212-861-4027. Vinny has planned

several interesting, food-related events for members of the Sea-Level Section. He takes careful consideration to arrange for membership familiarity-meetings, and ensures that all new members feel comfortable, in order for everyone to have a good time. What a treat for your taste-buds, and what a great way to meet fellow MBCA Sea-Level members! These types of

events are fun, and they are geared to help members become friends with one-another. I encourage all of our members to come to MBCA events to have fun!



MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOUR DEALERS & TELL YOUR FRIENDS, TOO

The vast network of Mercedes-Benz dealers are all eager to help us with all of life's needs, to their fullest capacity. Recently, there were 2 really great events held, where Mercedes-Benz dealers and employees stepped up to the plate, and did things to help their patrons, which made me proud to be a Mercedes-Benz driver. A recent charity golf event at the Glen Head Country Club was made successful in part

due to the charitable efforts of Brooklyn's Sovereign Mercedes-Benz, when they transported a new red SL500 to the golf outing for a hole-in-one competition; former NYC Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, while attempting to win the car, extended great appreciation for Sovereign's courtesy!

Also stepping up to be "more than a dealer" was MB Manhattan, with their recent hosting of a medical coding seminar to over 50 podiatrists in

their Park Avenue showroom, for a seminar offered by Dr. Mark Schilansky, DPM, with CME credits offered by the New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

Thank your dealers! They care about your needs! Give them a call, or stop in!

Sovereign Mercedes-Benz: www.BenzNow.com; 888-836-4145.

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TECH SESSION 10/15/2005

There will be a tech session held at Lakeview Mercedes-Benz, 650 Sunrise Highway, Rockville Centre, 11570, from 10am to 2pm. The event will start with a tour of their impressive service facility, followed by a Q&A session. Lakeview's staff will also discuss some of the benefits of lifetime roadside assistance, and will also discuss high mileage awards. New models will be available for viewing. Lunch will be served! In addition, we will visit Mid Island Collision, located across from the dealership, which is one of the few existing facilities accredited to perform body work on Maybach.



Directions: Southern State to Exit 19S (Peninsula Blvd.) heading toward Rockville Centre. Travel 1.9 miles, and make a right onto Lakeview Avenue. The Service Facility is 3/10ths of a mile down, on the right.

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The Sea-Level Shop also offers white or blue caps and cloth tote bags, all with our Sea-Level name and Star logo at a price of \$10. These items are for sale at all of our events. Bring a few extra dollars and take home something useful from your favorite Car Club.

Please make check payable to MBCA, and mail this form to John Anaischik @ 200 Floral Pkwy., Floral Park, NY 11001.

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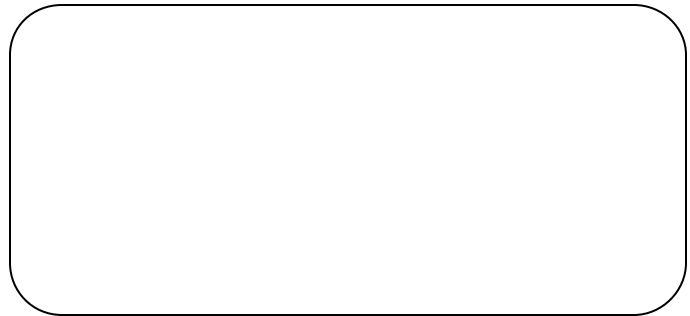
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