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SEA LEVEL HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 3, 2006, over fifty members and guests met for our annual holiday party at the newly redecorated Inn of New Hyde Park. This restaurant is located on Long Island and specializes in fine German cuisine, which was appropriate for the occasion. During the cocktail hour, passed Hors D’oeuvres were served as well as platters of fruits, cheeses, and meats. We all enjoyed the wonderful buffet, which included two pastas, veal, three different types of chicken, salad, sautéed vegetables, and a carving station with prime rib and turkey. Much to the enjoyment of the kids and adults, the dessert was a banana split.

Club members brought gifts that were given to our favorite charity, Toys for Tots. We had plenty of free door prize gifts and everyone who attended, received one. In addition, we had a special raffle of a beautiful set of steak knives that was donated by Vinny Milo and the proceeds went to our club treasury. Sea level Officers for 2007 were announced; President: Joe DeFilippe, Vice president: Jerry Shapiro, who will replace Dr. Jonah Berman. Jonah will remain as a Member of the Board. Secretary: Jerry Shapiro, and Andy Monahan who will serve as our Treasurer.

Congratulations to Andy for being selected as “Member of the Year” and our President, Joe DeFilippe on behalf of our club, gave him a beautiful plaque. Vinny Milo arranged for this terrific party and he received our heartfelt thanks for his efforts.

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Sea Level Section Members,

I hope the start of the New Year, 2007 is going well for each one of you. The new Board had it's first meeting in January and we have planned what we feel will be a year full of wonderful and exciting events. Please save the Events Calendar. It will be useful in helping you reserve dates for events. Also, it includes the individual who is coordinating the event with a contact number. It gives you the ability to make a call and find out more of the specifics on the event that interests you. You probably notice a difference in the layout and format of this newsletter. Our current editor and Board member, Jimmy Baldea, is going to be leaving the Newsletter, concentrating his effort on our Website. In order to provide the members with the best run and most up-to- date site. I, personally, as well as the Board want to publicly thank Jimmy for his service on the newsletter.

The Holiday Party, held for the first time at The Inn at New Hyde Park, was a great success. Everyone attending had a wonderful time and plans are being made to have it there again in December 2007. So mark your calendar!

As for upcoming events, highlighted in this issue are the technical type session at Gliptone (contact Peter Busacca) in March, our popular Mercedes-Benz Manhattan Visit including free tickets to the International Automobile Show at the Javits Convention Center (contact Jerry Shapiro) and a technical session at Gullwing Motors with Lou Palumbo, the Club's Technical Adviser (contact Oliver Seligman). Both taking place in April. Lastly, please make every effort to attend our Spring Rally in May (contact Andy Monahan or John Anaischik).

If you have any ideas for an event, please contact myself or one of the Board Members. One member has already mentioned to me the idea for a tech session dealing solely with diesel engine Mercedes. Let me know if you are interested in the Club pursuing it. Finally, if anybody has a story or comment on a helpful situation at a dealership or by an individual that you feel should be recognized, let me know and I'll include it.

So have a safe and prosperous new year.

Happy Trails...

Joe DeFilippe

Sea Level President

PLAQUE PRESENTATION AT LAKEVIEW MERCEDES-BENZ

On Saturday, October 15, Sea Level board member Andy Monahan organized a Tech Session at Lakeview Mercedes-Benz and a tour of Mid Island collision, both located in Rockville Centre, New York. The weather was beautiful on this crisp autumn day and over 40 members were in attendance.

We started the day with breakfast provided by Lakeview MB; we then crossed the street for a tour given by Brian McGauvran of Mid Island collision. Brian went into great detail on how they repair body damage and restore the integrity of the vehicle to Mercedes-Benz safety specifications. Mid Island is also a factory authorized Maybach collision center.

We returned to Lakeview MB, met Ed Stanch, Education & Training Specialist, MBUSA for a walkthrough of the new 2007 S-Class, a car with more advanced features that can be named, including a night vision dash display and advanced Distronic adaptive cruise control. This model has a beautiful new body style and is certain to be a winner for Mercedes-Benz in 2007.

Also on display were a Maybach, McLaren SLR, and the new R-Class. Members had an opportunity to ask technical questions about anything "Mercedes-Benz" which was answered by Wil Jansen, Service Manager of Lakeview, Daniel Leary, Ed Stanch, and Joe Gallagher of MBUSA.

We then had lunch, again courtesy of Lakeview followed by a raffle with prizes donated by MBUSA. Lakeview also provided gift bags of goodies for all attending. It was a wonderful event that Sea Level members thoroughly enjoyed. Andy Monahan presented David Meyer with a very nice plaque to show our appreciation for their kind hospitality.

Gullwing Motors, Inc. Tech Session

"Keeping your Mercedes in shape"

Saturday, April 28th 2007 10AM to 1PM
Meet with Sea level technical advisor, Lou Palumbo

At the clinic, Lou will be able to do a diagnostic analysis and a safety check on your Mercedes. Also available will be a tinting and ding specialist. Lou is offering a 20% discount on ding Removal.

Brunch will be served!

Directions: GCP (NSP) to Exit 29 South (Roslyn Road) right onto Windsor Ave. Shop is on right Near end of street.

Contact: Oliver Seligman for reservations and further info: 718-575-8277 evenings or Email: MOGS05@aol.com



Gliptone Wax Factory tour

Sat. March 24, 2007

10am-2pm

Gliptone has made car wash and wax since 1947. Their Carnauba wax, pronounced Kar.Na Oou.Ba is made from the Brazilian wax palm tree's leaf cuticles Their Platinum synthetic wax lasts a long time their leather conditioner smells like real leather.

Come and learn the secrets of how to keep a great shine on your car.

Location: Gliptone Factory
1740 Julia Goldbach Ave.
Ronkonkoma, NY, 11779

Product Demonstrations
Giveaways
Club Discount
Lunch and refreshments

Contact: Peter Busacca ph. 516-810-3745 Email: pbusacca@suffolk.lib.ny.us
121 Norwood Ave. Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

Directions: LIE to exit 59, south on Ocean Ave. At fork in the road stay to the right go to Veterans Hwy. Make right, go two blocks to Julia Goldbach Ave. Make right at the Hess gas station Gliptone is on the left.

A Visit to Mercedes-Benz Manhattan and Auto Show at Javits Convention Center

The MB Manhattan staff will answer your automotive questions and free tickets (limit 2 per member). 536 W.41st Street NYC 10036.

Contact: Jerry Shapiro 718-423-0107 Email: jshapiro41@verizon.net for reservations and further info.

Welcome New Members

The following individuals have recently joined MBCA and more specifically are now members of the Sea Level Section. Please introduce yourself to these fellow Mercedes enthusiasts at our next event.

Mark & Adam Kravietz, Jon Lekoff, Stephen McCabe, Michael Orfinger & Larry Simner, Noel Mark Raab.

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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.

<p>There are two different order forms printed here. The left is for grill badges, & the right is for hats and tote bags.</p> <p>Total # of Grill Badges @ \$20 ea. requested: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Tel: _____</p> <p>Mail this request to: John Anaischik, 200 Floral Pkwy., Floral Park, NY 11001. Prices include ship/handl.</p>	<p>Total # of white hats @ \$15 ea. requested: _____</p> <p>Total # of blue hats @ \$15 ea. requested: _____</p> <p>Total # of tote bags @ \$20 ea. requested: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Tel: _____</p> <p>Mail this request to: Joe DeFilippe, 19 Chester Street, E. Northport, NY 11731. Prices include ship/handl.</p>
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Saturday, April 14th *Manhattan MB & Auto Show* Jerry 718-423-0107

Saturday, April 28th *Gullwing Motors, Mineola, L.I.* Oliver 718-575-8277

May	Spring Rallye
June	Concours d'Elegance & Daily Driver Car Show
September	Alternatives for Children Road Rallye Fundraiser
October	Lakeview MB 2008 C-Class Debut
November	James Beard Annual Dinner Party
December	Sea Level Holiday Party