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SEA LEVEL CLUB HAPPENINGS

The Club had two great events over the past several months. On Sunday June 24th we had our Daily Driver Car Show in Forest Hills, Queens County at the Metro Café. It was so much fun for our members and their guests. Thanks to Oliver Seligman and Kameel Teen, owner of the Metro Café for organizing this event.

A day at the races on Sunday, July 15th at Belmont Park, a 430-acre race track in Elmont, Nassau County. Club members and their guests spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the air conditioned Garden Terrace Dining Room located on the fourth floor of the Clubhouse. It has an excellent view of the entire race track. Although this wasn't a car theme event, we sure saw some raw horsepower at full song. Thanks to our unofficial social director, Vinny Milo.

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Sea Level Section Members,

As the summer moves along into high gear, Sea Level has also been moving along with some wonderful events. The first was our car show in Forest Hills on Metropolitan Ave. with activities taking place on the Ave. and with the use of Sea Level section member, Kameel Teen's Metro Cafe as our meeting place. Everyone had a great time. The second event was a day at the races. This took place at Belmont Race Track. Again, everyone attending had a fabulous time. I want to thank Board members, Oliver Seligman and Vinny Milo, respectively, for coordinating them. Further on in the Newsletter is a more detailed summary of these events.

On July 29th we had our annual Spring Rally which was coordinated by Andy Monahan. Also, we have a tech session, another car show, and a night at the Metro Café. As you can see the Club is hosting a variety and quite a number of events, so it is important that you look at and hold on to the Calendar of Events that appear in every Newsletter in order for you to know what events are taking place and reserve the dates. The Calendar of Events also lists a contact person for you to call to find out more about a particular event.

If anyone has tried to use our website you will see that it is not working. We are in the process of redesigning it. **As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter, the Board is looking for someone with knowledge of setting up and maintaining a website. If you are interested please contact myself or Jerry Shapiro.**

Don't forget to contact Jerry Shapiro, our Newsletter editor with any stories or interesting happenings that you would like to recount to the members.

One note, there has been some restructuring of some of the regions within MBCA. As a result of this we are no longer in the Northeast Region. We have been moved into the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Again, as always, please call me or any of the Board members with ideas, thoughts, or just to say hello. We hope to see you at several of the events.

Happy Trails...

Joe DeFilippe
Sea Level President

Mercedes-Benz Barbecue

by Kameel Teen

On
Sunday, August 26th
At
The Metro Cafe

In Forest Hills on Metropolitan Avenue and 71st Street

Open Bar begins at 2 PM

Food at 3 PM

Call 917-796 3049

Or

Email: MercedesBenz26@gmail.com

Before 8/23/07 (you need to phone in advance)

Join us for great food, barbecue with all the trimmings, music and SURPRISES, and of course car talk. Cost \$40.00 per person.



Alternatives for Children & Mercedes-Benz Club Fall Road Rallye

By Peter Busacca

Sunday September 23, 2007 we meet at 8:30, am first car off at 9:00 am.

Start: Southampton College, Montauk Hwy, Southampton

Finish: Tide Runners Restaurant on the Shinnecock Canal, 7 North Road, Hampton Bays

We are again joining this rallye to help the School for Children with Special Needs. It will cover the South Fork and have an optional Poker Run. You can buy a chance for an award of \$15,000 or a 2007 Toyota Prius at \$25 per ticket or \$100 for 5 tickets. To enter the Road Rallye the cost for a Driver and Navigator is \$100, which includes lunch and breakfast. Call Ceil Ruggerio at (631)331-6400 ext.220 to reserve your spot in the Road Rallye or for raffle tickets.

Lakeview Auto Sales & Service Anniversary Celebration


By Andy Monahan

On Saturday, September 29th, please join fellow club members to celebrate Lakeview's 75th Anniversary as a business, and 50th Anniversary as a Mercedes-Benz dealer. They are the second oldest Mercedes dealer in the country, and if only for a few weeks, they would in fact be the oldest. The Celebration will take place at their SALES facility at 650 Sunrise Highway in Rockville Centre. The event details are still being finalized, so please call Andy Monahan at 516-432-3154 for more information and to RSVP. If you happen to own a Mercedes from around 1957, and wouldn't mind having it on display for all to admire, please call as you are especially welcome. Please note, this event is in addition to the Tech Session that Lakeview will be hosting on October 13th.

Lakeview Mercedes-Benz 2008 C- Class Debut and Tech Session

By Andy Monahan

On Saturday, October 13th, please join fellow club members for Lakeview's Tech Session/2008 C Class Introduction. Lakeview hosted a tech session in 2005 and it was very well received. This time they will focus on the 2008 C Class. The car has many new features and the event promises to be memorable. This event will take place at their SERVICE facility at 468 Lakeview Ave. in Rockville Centre. Details are still being finalized, so please call Andy Monahan at 516-432-3154 for more information and to RSVP. Please note, this event is in addition to their anniversary celebration being held on September 29th.

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**MERCEDES BENZ
THREE POINT SILVER STAR FALL CAR SHOW**

By Bernie Berberich

SUNDAY OCT. 21, 2007

11:00AM – 2:00PM

**YAPHANK GARAGE
CORNER of YAPHANK AVE and EAST MAIN STREET
YAPHANK 11980**



Photo by Bernie Berberich

Our Mercedes Benz Fall Car Show will be held at a very unique garage that was originally the headquarters of the Brookhaven Police Department before the Suffolk County Police Department was established. This original building has been restored with displays from the 1920's and 30's. We will receive a personal tour of this building and the Suffolk Police Museum. After the tour we will have the raffle.

The Board has decided that there will be no registration or admission fees. The cars will not be judged or awarded trophies. There will be a raffle instead. This raffle is limited to only Mercedes-Benz Club members entering their **MERCEDES** car. Any **MERCEDES** model or years are welcomed. There will be four monetary prizes given out. **First prize is \$100, second \$75, third \$50 and fourth \$25.** Each car entry will receive one ticket. This will give everyone an equal opportunity of winning whether you have a "Show Car" or a car that is driven daily. The show will give the Mercedes-Benz lover an opportunity to meet other members, view all cars, and swap your favorite car stories. Lunch is not provided but there is a deli across the street for anyone who gets hungry. There is only one picnic table on the grounds so you would need to bring your own chairs. To give me a better idea on how to setup and show your car, I am requesting that you pre-register. The directions are located on the next page.

THREE POINT SILVER STAR FALL CAR SHOW

FROM THE WEST - Take the LIE to exit 66 make a left going under the bridge and a quick right onto Long Island Ave. Take it to the end and make a left onto Yaphank Ave. The garage will be a ¼ mile on your left.

FROM THE EAST - Take the LIE to exit 67 make a right onto Yaphank Ave. The garage will be a ¼ mile on your left.

FROM THE NORTH - Take Yaphank Middle Island Road and make a left on Main Street. The garage will be 1½ miles down on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH - Take Yaphank Avenue to the end past the Suffolk County Police Station. The garage is right on the corner.

Please send the registration form by Monday, October 15, 2007.

**Bernie Berberich (631-286-6167)
104 North Howells Point Road
Bellport, N.Y. 11713**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Year and Model _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

The daily driver car show was a success with over 20 cars participating and many others looking and enjoying the hospitality and food provided by Kameel Teen of the Metro Cafe. We had cars ranging in age from the mid sixties to the present with a large contingent of SL roadsters. There was a hat contest as well. Prizes were awarded to the following Mercedes: Highest Mileage: Bernie Berberich 1981 300D. Hottest Benz: Al Lefkowitz 1993 500E. Best Wheels: Jim Schantez 2001 S500. Newest Benz: Tony Locicero 2006 SLK350. Best Four Door sedan: Dominick Citera 1998 S500. Best Older Coupe: David Denkers 1970 250C. Best Newer Coupe: Dennis Damascus's 1990 SEC. Best 60's Benz: Lou Palumbo's 1967 250SL. Best 70's Benz: Neil Weissman 1977 280E sedan. Best 90's S class: John Ochmanowicz S500. Best Newer E Class: Dan Beer's 2003 E500. Best C Class: John Gatto 1997 sedan. Sharpest Looking Interior: Rich Schultz's 2003 S500. Cleanest Trunk: John Burke's 1988 560SL. Best 70's SL: Kameel Teen's 1977 450SL. Best 80's SL: Phil Jensen's 1989 560 SL. Many of us stayed at the cafe, ate and talked about our automobiles. We hope to see you at our next event.



SOME OF THE CARS IN THE SHOW



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OLIVER



AWARDS BEING GIVEN OUT



THE HAT CONTEST

Photos by Jerry Shapiro

**"The winner ain't the one with the fastest car, it's the one who refuses to lose."
- Dale Earnhardt**

Day at the Races

by Vinny Milo

THE *SPORT OF KINGS* PAIRED WITH THE *KING OF CARS* AT FAMOUS "TRIPLE CROWN" BELMONT RACEWAY, ON SUNDAY 15 JULY.

FIFTY-FIVE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SEA-LEVEL SECTION ENJOYED THE RACES FROM THE ENCLOSED CLUBHOUSE ON THE FORTH LEVEL WITH COMPLETE VIEWS OF THE ACTION.

A DELICIOUS BUFFET LUNCH WAS PROVIDED, AS MEMBERS ENJOYED THE RACES FROM THEIR TABLES. PRIVATE BETTING BOOTHS WERE AVAILABLE, AND RESERVE PARKING PROVIDED.

WHILE NO ONE USED BAGS TO TAKE AWAY THEIR WINNINGS, THEY DID TAKE AWAY A NICE MEMORY.



John & Elie Weigel plan their wager



Sea Level members & guests in Terrace Room



Sea Level members show their colors

Photos by Jerry Shapiro

SEA-LEVEL AREA MERCEDES-BENZ DEALERSHIP LOCATIONS

Helms Bros., Inc.
208-24 Northern Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361
40-01 168th St. Flushing, NY 11358
(service/parts)
1-718-631-8181 (sales)
1-718-631-8299 (service/parts)

Sovereign Motor Cars Ltd.
1810 Shore Pkwy.
Brooklyn, NY 11214
1-718-258-5100 (sales)
1-718-253-8880 (service)

Silver Star Motors
36-11 Northern Blvd.
Long Island City, NY 11101
1-718-361-2332 (sales)
1-718-392-1551 (service)
1-718-361-2966 (parts)

Mercedes-Benz Manhattan, Inc.
536 West 41st. St.
New York City, NY 10036
1-800-626-9191 (toll free)
1-212-629-1600 (sales)

Mercedes-Benz of Massapequa
101 East Sunrise Hwy.
Amityville, NY 11701
1-631-789-1600 (sales)

Mercedes-Benz of Huntington
1103 East Jericho Turnpike
Huntington, NY 11743
1-631-549-2369 (sales)

Lakeview Auto Sales and Service, Inc.
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Rockville Centre, NY 11570
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(service/parts)
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1-516-766-2585 (service)

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Roslyn, NY 11576
1-516-625-1600 (sales)
1-516-625-1000 (service)

Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown
630 Middle Country Rd.
St. James, NY 11780
1-631-265-2204 (sales)
1-631-265-7139 (service)

Mercedes-Benz of Southampton
35 Montauk Hwy.
Southampton, NY 11968
1-631-283-0888 (sales)

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.

William Burke, David & Stephen Dembitzer, Robert DiGiamo, Mark Douenias, Martin Gruss, Charles Johnson, Peter Majar, Timothy McKenna, William Miritello, Jeffrey Munzing, Hilaire O'Malley, Albert & Elaine Sessa, Evelyn Velis, Salah Mesad MD, David Dowling, Jorge Fernandez, Dan Gasby, Gerard Guanzon, Deborah Harrison, Marc Karetsky, Xavier Maignan, Gail Meadoff, Cesar Rio Frio, James Schanter, Pieter Tredoux.

Sea-Level Concours d'Elegance at the Dowling College Regatta

Our Premier Car Show will be at the premier rowboat race on Long Island, the Dowling College Regatta on Saturday, November 3rd, 10:00am. Various colleges compete in this race. Dowling College has won many national titles for its Crew team. The alumni use this event as a homecoming.. Please bring your picnic basket and blanket to sit on the green grass by the Connetquot River and enjoy both the race as well as a fine selection of our member's cars. To enter your car, fill out the info below. Your car's engine compartment should be as clean as the rest of your car in order to be competitive. Awards will be given out at 1:00pm. Directions: take Montauk Highway to Oakdale, south on Idle Hour Blvd, three and 1/2 blocks to the Guard booth, go to the right.

Name _____ Year and model _____

Phone and/or e-mail _____

Address _____

E-Mail this info to me. Peter Busacca, pbusacca@suffolk.lib.ny.us or snail mail:

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Monthly Trivia Question

Who developed the early supercharged SSK race car?

The answer to my last trivia question, *What does the Mercedes-Benz Badge-the Silver Star Signify?* "Land, Sea, and Air". Andy Monahan, John Betsch, John Anaischik, Peter Busacca, and Charles Hart submitted the correct answer.

The First member to email me with the correct answer wins a prize to be awarded at the next club event.

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2007 EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 26th	Kameel	Mercedes-Benz Barbeque at The Metro Café
Sunday, September 23rd	Peter 631- 473-0652	Alternatives for Children Road Rallye Fundraiser
Saturday, Sept, 29th	Andy 516-432-3154	Lakeview Auto Sales&Service Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, October 13th	Andy 516-432-3154	Lakeview MB 2008 C-Class Debut
Sunday, Oct. 21st	Bernie 631-286-6167	Three Point Silver Star Fall Car Show
Saturday, Nov 3rd	Peter 631-473-0652	Sea Level Concours d'Elegance at Dowling College
November T.B.A.	Vinny 212- 861-4027	James Beard Annual Dinner Party
Sunday, Dec. 2nd	Vinny 212-861-4027	Sea Level Holiday Party