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## **SEA LEVEL CLUB HAPPENINGS**

The Club had three events over the last three months. On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held our Fall Rallye in conjunction with The Alternatives for Children School fundraiser. The rallye covered the South Fork of Long Island. Thanks to Peter Busacca for arranging the event.

Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> brought our members and guests to the Lakeview Auto Sales & Service Anniversary Celebration located in Rockville Centre, for a barbeque and gifts from the dealership. Andy Monahan organized this very enjoyable event.

On Saturday October 13, 2007 we were at Lakeview Mercedes Benz service facility for the 2008 C Class Debut and Tech Session. Thanks to Andy Monahan for coordinating this event.

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## President's Message

*As the Fall Season is well upon us, our Club is coming into the final Events for the year. We have our Concours d'Elegance at Dowling College on Saturday, November 3rd; our Annual James Beard Dinner that is actually taking place at The French Culinary Institute on Saturday, November 17th; and lastly our Holiday Party at the Inn at New Hyde Park on Sunday, December 2nd.*

*The Holiday Party, in particular, is the time when members can meet other members in a festive spirit also bringing family members and friends into our "family" gathering. So, please try to make every effort to attend this yearly event.*

*We have had a very busy, active, and rewarding year with respect to our Events. The number of Events was the most ever and they were all well attended and responses were favorable. As we start to plan for next year please notify any of the Board members about ideas that you may have for any events and we can try to pursue them.*

*I would like to, at this time, personally thank all of the Board members for a wonderful year. They were very active and provided our Club with a wide range of events that will be spilling over into 2008!*

*At this point I want to wish you all a great Holiday Season and hope to see you at the Holiday Party!*

*Happy Trails and safe driving.....*

*Joe DeFilippe  
Sea Level President*

## From the Editor

*This fourth quarter of the Star Gazer will mark my first year as your newsletter editor. It has been both a pleasant and a learning experience for me. I strive to make each issue better than the last one. I hope that you, the readers, will help by supplying me with an article, photographs, or anything that would be of interest to our members and suitable for publication.*

*If you look at our masthead, please notice that we now have our own Sea level website. Go to [www.mbcasealevel.org](http://www.mbcasealevel.org) to get the latest information on club activities. Please be patient as I am in the process of building the website and do not expect to have it fully functional until January, 2008. I'll have some information on future events posted very soon, so keep checking the site and you will see added information.*

**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.  
650 Sunrise Hwy. (sales)  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
468 Lakeview Ave. Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
(service/parts)  
1-516-766-6900 (sales)  
1-516-766-2585 (service)

Rallye Motors, LLC.  
1600 Northern Blvd.  
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.** GIOVANNI ANNUNZIATA, FRANK DEFRANCESCO, ED DERBES, TOBY & MICHAEL GROSSMAN, GRIFFITH R & GRIFFITH IFFITH, BARRIE BROOKES, OWEN & GARETH WILLIAMS, DIANA RUDMAN, HAROLD STANDISH, CLYDE VANEL, STEPHEN AKSEIZER, JACK BIONDO, MICHAEL & SUSAN BYNG CLARKE, MICHAEL FEDONCHIK, RAYMOND JOHNSON, BIAGIO LEONE, RUDOLF MASCHKE, DOMENIC PALMIERI, RAFAEL JIMENEZ, ARTHUR SAMUEL, MICHAEL SANTA MARIA, WOLF WEHNER & ELLEN E KIEFER, PHILIP BACHLER, ED BODKIN, RICHARD BROWN, VINCENT DICCE, LOUELLA DUDLEY, MARIETTA EVERETTE, RICHARD HANNA, DOUGLAS HUTTON, VINCENT IANNELLI, NEIL & SANEH KAPOOR, JONNIE & JAMES LOGAN, LEE SAINTMARTIN.

## Sea-Level Section Fall Rallye 2007

*By Peter Busacca*

The Sea-Level Section (NYC-LI) held its Fall Rallye in conjunction with The Alternatives for Children School Road Rallye fundraiser. The rallye started at Southampton College and travelled the South Fork of Long Island, also known as the Hamptons. Over sixty cars participated, with 12 Mercedes-Benz's participating. MBCA members put in a good showing. Cindy LoCicero in a 2007 SLK came in second place overall. Barbara Nixon came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 1980's category with her 1985 380SL. Jim Buzzetta and his family won the Best Mercedes-Benz Award. Huntington Mercedes-Benz owner and club member Jim Buzzetta donated over \$4,000 to the School for Children with Special Needs.

## Lakeview Mercedes-Benz 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

*By Andy Monahan*

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, section members were the guests of Lakeview Mercedes for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Lakeview is the second oldest dealer in the United States, and would in fact be the oldest, if not for a few weeks. On display were some beautiful cars, including a 1971 280 SE, a 1965 250 SL, and a 1987 560 SL. Also on display were a 2008 Maybach 62, (Yes, you can fully recline in the backseat. Several of us tried.) We also inspected a 1989 300 E that had just passed the 1,000,000 kilometer mark. (See what can happen with regular oil changes?) The weather was fantastic and the food was great. Once again, thanks to Lakeview for inviting us, Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Oliver chauffeurs a Maybach 62



Andy relaxing in the Maybach before Ollie's drive



Club members enjoy the barbeque



Jerry and Diane go for a drive in a SL55 AMG

## Mercedes-Benz C Class Debut and Tech Session

*By Andy Monahan*

On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, section members were introduced to the 2008 C Class as the guests of Lakeview Mercedes-Benz in Rockville Centre. After breakfast, Ed Stanch of MBUSA gave us a walkthrough of both the Luxury and Sport editions. Dan Leary, also of MBUSA, put a 4 Matic C Class on a lift and discussed the four wheel drive system. There was a question and answer period that also included Paul Wilson, the Shop Foreman at Lakeview. We also toured the facilities of Mid Island Collision across the street. After lunch there was a raffle with some very nice prizes, however, Lakeview made sure that everyone went home with a gift bag. Our thanks to Wil Jansen and the rest of the staff at Lakeview for inviting us.

**Elie, John, Sue, John, & Hans**



**Parts Dept**



**The Free Raffle**



**Diane wins '52 Gullwing SLR**

**Quote: George Robson, Winner of the 1946 Indy 500: "All I had to do is keep turning left"**



**Trivia Question: What does the turtle on this dashboard signify?**

**Answer to last trivia question: Who developed the early MB SSK race car: Ferdinand Porsche**

## FRENCH CULINARY INSTITUTE GOURMET DINNER

*By Vinny Milo*

EVERY YEAR THE CLUB ATTENDS A GOURMET DINNER. THIS YEAR WE HAVE ELECTED TO BRING OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO THE FAMOUS FRENCH CULINARY INSTITUTE.

THE CHEFS IN TRAINING, WHO WORK UNDER AN EXECUTIVE CHEF, ULTIMATELY END UP IN THE BEST FRENCH RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY AND COUNTRY, ALWAYS GET AN "A" FOR EFFORT.

THEY WILL PREPARE A FIVE COURSE DINNER WITH A PAIRING OF THEIR BEST FRENCH WINES.

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8pm

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## ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

*By Vinny Milo*

ON SUNDAY 02 DEC THE *MB CLUB* WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY.  
BY POPULAR CONSENSUS IT WILL AGAIN BE HELD AT THE NEWLY REFURBISHED **INN AT NEW HYDE PARK**, 214 JERICHO TPKE NHP. (1/4 MILE WEST OF LAKEVILLE ROAD)

THE SERVICE WILL BE BUFFET STYLE AND WILL INCLUDE:

COLD ANTIPASTO, FRUIT AND CHEESE BOARDS, PASSED APPETIZERS  
MEAT CARVING STATION  
PASTA STATION  
CHOICE OF FOUR HOT ENTREES  
DESSERTS AND CAKE

THERE WILL BE MUSIC AND DANCING.

MANY, MANY DOOR PRIZES.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE ALSO ASKED TO BRING "TOYS FOR TOTS"

COST: **\$30** PER PERSON (CHILDREN \$15) EVERYTHING INCLUDED.

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## **2007 EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vinny 212-861-4027</b>	<b><i>French Culinary Institute Gourmet Dinner</i></b>
<b>Sunday, December 2nd</b>	<b>Vinny 212-861-4027</b>	<b><i>Sea Level Holiday Party</i></b>



