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## President's Message

***Hello Fellow Sea Level Section Members,***

***Since our last newsletter our Section has had several well-attended and marvelous events. Our Tech Session coordinated by Board member, John Weigel and hosted by Massapequa MB was very informative with a wonderful service area and dealership. Our Annual Spring Rally coordinated by Rally master and Board member, Andy Monahan, with a lunch taking place at Oakland's Restaurant and Marina was a huge success. The participants enjoyed beautiful scenery as they made their way around the popular Hamptons area ending with a delicious lunch at Oakland's. That same day the Club had an event at the Rainbow Room in NYC. This was coordinated by Board member, Vinny Milo. Food, dancing, and good company overlooking NYC. It was wonderful! For those of us who took part in both events, it was truly an amazing day-in the morning we were on the east end of the Island and then at night we were in the City! Then we had our Concours and Daily Driver Event. This was coordinated by Board member, Oliver Seligman. This event had three judges. Besides Oliver, there was Board member Jerry Shapiro, and Tech Advisor, Lou Palumbo. It was hosted by The Atlas Mall, which was very generous with discounts and gifts. The day was beautiful and all of the cars were fabulous!***

***Finally, Board member, Vinny Milo coordinated our Second Annual Day at the Races at Belmont Park. Everyone enjoyed the races, the food, and company of fellow Sea Level members and their guests.***

***As you can see, Our Section continues to provide numerous as well as a variety of events. The participation at all of our Events has increased as we continue to try to satisfy our members. So, if you have a suggestion for a type of event, call one of the members of the Board or myself and we will try to make it happen. And don't forget to mark your calendars for our remaining events, particularly our Annual Holiday Party in December.***

***In addition, CONGRATULATIONS go to several Board members; Jerry Shapiro, Oliver Seligman, Vinny Milo, and John Anaischik, and Tech Advisor, Lou Palumbo for placing in the Northern New Jersey Section's 45th Annual June Jamboree Concours and Popular Car Show!! They all have cream of the crop, spectacular cars!! This is also a reminder to consider other sections events as well as our own. In closing, I hope to see all of you at the Party!! Safe driving and happy trails...***

***Joe DeFilippe  
Sea Level President***

## From the Editor

*If you look at our masthead, please notice that we now have our own Sea level website. Go to [www.mbca.org/sealevel](http://www.mbca.org/sealevel) to get the latest information on club activities. I have added the June Jamboree and the Atlas Mall Concours and Daily Driver car shows as well as new photos of club member's cars. Check out the Photo Gallery on our website.*

*Jerry*

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## 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: Vilma Morales Daley, Vincent Franzone, Christopher Kasler, Brian Kearney, Abraham Sabbas, Jeffery Stamper, Ara Yardum, Joan Alexander, Sally Biondo, Jane Cranston, Jonathan Eng, Eddie Gates, James Gubbins, Arthur & Anne Inselberger, Leo & Rosa Matteo, Patrick & Michael Rigaud, Bradley & Wendel Steenbuck, Benedetto Alcamo, Hassan Essaheb, Andreas Klein, Peter & Joan Mastrarocco, Sylvia Sama

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**OCTOBER 25-28 NATIONAL EVENT** South Jersey Section's **Tri-O-Rama** will be held at the new Thunderbolt Raceway—part of the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, New Jersey. **Concours, defensive driving, autocross, and other track events.**

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Bayside, NY 11361  
40-01 168th St.  
Flushing, NY 11358 (svc/parts)  
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1-718-631-8299 (service/parts)

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Brooklyn, NY 11214  
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Silver Star Motors  
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Long Island City, NY 11101  
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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  
650 Sunrise Hwy. (sales)  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
468 Lakeview Ave.  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
(svc/parts)  
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1-516-766-2585 (service)

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

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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)

## A Day at the Races

Vinny Milo

**THE SECOND ANNUAL OUTING AT THE FAMOUS "TRIPLE CROWN" BELMONT RACEWAY ON SUNDAY, 13 JULY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS...**

**SEVENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE NYC-LONG ISLAND SECTION BEAT LAST YEARS ATTENDANCE OF FIFTY-FIVE TO ENJOY THE RACES FROM THE ENCLOSED CLUBHOUSE OF THE FORTH LEVEL OVERLOOKING THE FINISH LINE.**

**A DELICIOUS BUFFET LUNCH WAS PROVIDED, AS MEMBERS WATCHED THE RACES FROM THEIR TABLES.**



## TOP OF THE ROCK

Vinny Milo

**The Rainbow Room is a well-known upscale restaurant and nightclub on the sixty-fifth floor of the GE Building in Rockefeller Center, Midtown Manhattan, New York City.**

**It first opened on October 3, 1934 and was originally conceived as a formal supper club, where the elite and influential of New York could gather to socialize over cocktails, dine on fine cuisine, and dance to the strains of legendary big bands on a revolving floor.**

**Members from the NYC-LI area gathered at the famed "Top of the Rock". The beautiful Rainbow Room, sixty five floors above Rockefeller Center on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The million dollar view, the Art Deco splendor, and revolving dance floor along with appetizer stations, a wonderful hot buffet, open bar, and great desserts all added to a great social fun evening.**

## 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNE JAMBOREE

Jerry Shapiro

***MBUSA Headquarters in Montvale, New Jersey was once again the setting for the longest running car show in the history of MBCA, hosted by the Northern New Jersey Section. The section turned MBUSA into a spectacular showcase for our Starships and a relaxing sanctuary for us to enjoy the wonderful events of the day. The cars were nothing short of breathtaking. They spanned 55 years of Starship craftsmanship. After the judging and voting was finished we all gathered in the cafeteria or on the patio for a mouthwatering lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, German sausages, sauerkraut, and much more while the results were being tabulated. Finally it was time to announce the winners of the Concours and Popular Vote Car Show. Pete Lesler presented the trophies and posed for photo ops with the proud winners. Jerry Shapiro, Oliver Seligman, Louis Pulumbo helped with the judging and “dragged” 13 more Sea Level Members to the June Jamboree.***

### CONCOURS

#### Class 7

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jerry Shapiro	1987	560SL
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Sama	1989	560SL

#### Class 8

4 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Seligman	1995	E320
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#### Class 14

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dominick Citera	1998	500S
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#### Class 15

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry Frankel	1971	280SL
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### POPULAR VOTE

#### OLD SPORT (1983 - 1992)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vinny Milo	1987	560SL
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis Damascus	1990	560SEC

#### VINTAGE (pre 1983)

	John Anaischik	1980	450SL
	Louis Palumbo	1967	230SL





## Concours and Daily Driver Car Show

At Atlas Park, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Oliver Seligman*

The weather held off and the cars came, making our car show a success. This year our show was held at Atlas Park, an upscale mall in Glendale, Queens. A show of support from the 113SL group added a nice touch. There were nine Concours entrants ranging from the 113's to a 99 500SL. Lou Palumbo, Oliver Seligman and Jerry Shapiro judged and classified these fine Mercedes according to MBCA rules. The outcomes in all classes were close. In addition there was a daily driver car show and visitors to Atlas Park voted for their favorite Mercedes.

Many of the entrants won prizes supplied through the generosity of K-Buzz, the marketing arm of Atlas Park and our own Lou Palumbo of Gullwing Motors. The ten dollar entry fee was donated to St. Jude's Hospital for Children. They received a total of \$275. Plaques were awarded to the following; Peter Menger, Jerry Robinson, Rudy Kroupa, Jerry Shapiro, Oliver Seligman, and Dylan Wolk for the smallest Mercedes entered in the show in the Concours classes. Vinny Milo won for People's Choice.

While many examined the cars others shopped at the park taking advantage of the many special sales. At the conclusion some of us remained and ate outside at the Orange Café. It never rained!



## Plaque Presentation at Lakeview Auto Sales & Service

*Andy Monahan*

On Thursday, June 26, The Sea Level Section presented a plaque to Lakeview Auto Sales & Service in gratitude for hosting last autumn's Tech Session. Our section has a long and close relationship with Lakeview and we have been their guests on a number of occasions in recent years, including their celebration of fifty years as a Mercedes dealer. Sea Level President Joe DeFilippe can be seen in the center, presenting the plaque to David Meyer, Dealer Principal and grandson of Lakeview's founder, Fred Meyer. Again, our thanks to Lakeview for inviting us!



## Alternatives for Children Road Rallye

The Alternatives for Children School will host its 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR RALLYE on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008, starting from its Melville location, the road rally entrants will traverse the North Shore's "Gold Coast" and cross the finish line at the Water View Club in Bayville, the site of the luncheon reception and awards ceremony. Members of our club have done very well at this rally with winners in most of the events.

There will be a raffle for a SMART car or a \$12,500 cash option. Call Alternatives for Children to reserve a spot as a rally entrant, sponsor, or to purchase raffle tickets. Call (631) 331-6400 ext.220

Price: \$125 for Driver and navigator includes breakfast and lunch.

Date: Saturday Sept. 22

Time: 8:30am

Place: Alternatives for Children (Melville) Wolf Hill Rd.

Directions: Take Northern State Parkway to Exit 41 Wolf Hill Rd., go west past St. Anthony's High School to St. Elizabeths Church. Go around the back to Alternatives for Children School.

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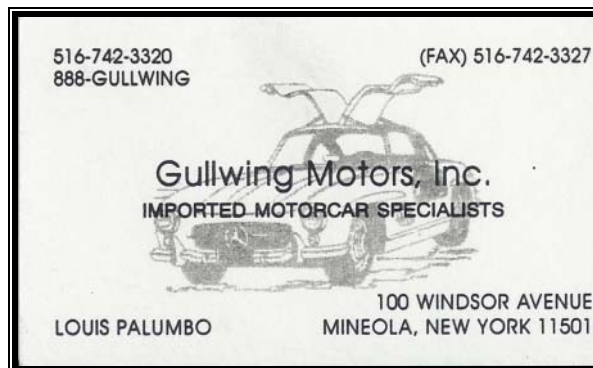
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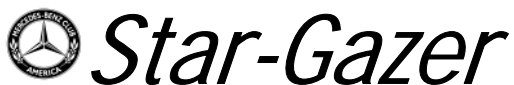
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## 2008 EVENT SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Peter 631-473-0652</u>	<u>Fall Rally Alternatives for Children</u>
<u>November, TBA</u>	<u>Vinny 212-861-4027</u>	<u>Culinary Event</u>
<u>Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Vinny 212-861-4027</u>	<u>Annual Holiday Party</u>

**SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 1 NATIONAL EVENT StarFest 2008.** Hosted by the San Francisco Bay Area Section with the Sacramento Section, this premier event includes a Concours d'Elegance on Treasure Island with a backdrop of the San Francisco skyline; a rally/drive starting at the edge of San Francisco Bay and driving through several wine appellations, past a sleeping volcano, and into California's vast agricultural heartland; three days of track events (autocross, accelerations runs, time trials, defensive driving school) at Thunder hill Raceway Park in Willow. Other activities include two banquets, a welcome reception, and side-trips to interesting places. Richard Simonds: (650) 592-7613; [rsimonds@pacbell.net](mailto:rsimonds@pacbell.net); [www.mbca.org/starfest2008](http://www.mbca.org/starfest2008).

**SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 4 NATIONAL EVENT MBCA Trip to Germany.** MBCA, in conjunction with Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz, invites you to tour Germany with us. You will have the opportunity to see things that are just not available to the public. A full list of tours/activities/accommodations is available on our website. Jim O'Sullivan: (617) 879-0017; [jimo55@comcast.net](mailto:jimo55@comcast.net); [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org).