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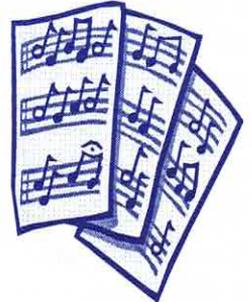
Got a Vanity Plate?

I am sure that everyone in the Club agrees that Mercedes is a special automobile, and also that their particular car/model is special to them.

It might be interesting to share with other Club members how some of us have individualized our cars with a particular Vanity Plate.

Do you have a plate that might say GR8MB or some other cryptogram. or distinctive

MERCEDES-BENZ "TUNE-UP" to be Saturday, October 6th



The story of the Steinway piano is fairly well known; not so the connection between Daimler-Benz and Steinway. A reception celebrating the 113th anniversary of the signing of a contract between Gottlieb Daimler and William Steinway will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2001 from 6 to 8PM at Steinway Hall in Manhattan. On October 6, 1888, this document provided for the manufacture of Daimler engines and products in the USA and the result was the "Daimler Motor Company" in New York City!

An historic perspective of this Steinway/Mercedes-Benz relationship will be presented by Miles Chapin, great-great-grandson of Henry Steinway, and Maryalice Ritzmann of MBUSA beginning at 6:30PM.

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The Fall Historical Rallye Scheduled for Sunday, October 21st

"Come join us on a Long Island historical adventure"

Beginning at the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn Harbor, experience some of Long Island's famed history as you participate in the Section's Fall Rallye.

The Museum is located on the north side of Northern Boulevard, across from the Chrysler/Jeep dealership, .3 miles west of Glen Cove Road, and .6 miles east of the Roslyn viaduct. We will meet in front of the main building. Starting time is 9:30 A.M., and cost per person is \$17. **Sign-Up Forms are on page 7 of this issue.** See

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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.

Gregory Adsluf	Robert Fallon	Stephen Iovino	Anthony Serafino
Ruediger Albrecht	Jose Franco	Don Jacobsen	Raafat Shehata
William Brigham	Rick Gavin	Douglas Johnson	Jay Smith
Peter Burke	Gregory Georges	Richard Kane	Kive Strickoff
Peter Christiansen	Harry Golfinopoulos	Michael Khouw	John Sullivan
Colin Clarke	Yacout Hakam	Len Llewellyn	Robert Tagliani
Tom Decillis	Edmund Hayes	Philip Lopiccolo	John Vicino
Carl Dickinson	Randolph Hendler	C MacLaughlin	Arty Wiener
Ed Dukawicz	Cecil Hutchinson	Hubert Nowakowski	Bob Williamson
Ed Evangelista			Ted Zarembo

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Member Marketplace: Sea Level members may place a no-charge ad in the *Star-Gazer* for an M-B or related item by mailing necessary information to the Editor. **Advertisement Deadlines:** January 15th (February Edition) April 15th (May Edition) July 15th (August Edition) October 15th (November Edition)



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If you send
me either
a picture or
even just the
wording of
your "vanity
plate" with the
year/model of
the M-B that
it's on, we will
share them or
a sample of
them in the
next
newsletter.

I might also
ask the Board
of Directors to
choose the
most
distinctive
plate and
provide some
token of
recognition to
that member.

Plate
wordings can
be mailed to
me at the
address on
page 2.

With one
submittal
so far,
65 230SL is
the best
entry, but I
guess I
shouldn't win.

John Betsch
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President's Message

Dear Members:

Beginning with brunch at the Meeting House Inn in Aquebogue, what a wonderful time we had at the Mattituck Antique Car Museum on Sunday, July 15, 2001!

At the Museum we saw some sole survivors of those manufacturers who ventured into the motor industry with their gasoline and electric powered vehicles. We also witnessed a restoration in progress, which will soon be added to the Museum's fine collection.

*At this time I would like to remind you of our August 19th Car Show which is open to **all** Mercedes-Benz members with new and not-so-new cars. Hoods and trunks need not be opened -- just a good wash (maybe a wax) is the only preparations for entrance in this show! You will be judged by your fellow Mercedes owners. The awards will re-*

flect ten individual classes and an overall "Most Popular Car." There also will be a tour of the Pindar facility and a tasting session beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Come and enjoy the Summer's sunflowers with friends in a beautiful setting on the North Fork of Long Island!

There are two other future events for you to plan for: Our Fall Rallye in October prepared by Creighton Phillips and Joseph DeFilippe will take us through Long Island's historic landmarks dating back to the birth of our nation! Our Steinway Celebration on October 6th will commemorate the 113th anniversary of the Daimler-Benz/Steinway relationship.

We hope to see you at these Section events, so please sign up and return the response forms as soon as possible.

STARGAZING 101

"Inextricably linked with the name Mercedes is the three-pointed star, which itself has an interesting history. When DMG decided in 1909 that it needed a distinctive trademark, Gottlieb Daimler's sons remembered that their father had once drawn a star to mark the location of their home on a photograph of Cologne and Deutz, saying that one day such a star would shine in approval above his factory.

The symbolism and imagery of this new logo immediately impressed the DMG board of management, and application to protect a three-pointed star as a registered design was made on

June 24, 1909. Four days later, the company sent application to protect a four-pointed star as well. Both emblems were confirmed as trademarks on February 9, 1911. [the rest is history]

There is a less romantic explanation for the three points of the star. Some Mercedes historians maintain that the points allude to mobility on land, on water, and in the air. This argument is not without merit, since in addition to the motorized carriage, Daimler also pioneered the use of gasoline engines in motorboats and airships..."

-extracted from Mercedes *Momentum*, Summer 2001

Concours d'Elegance 2001

Duckwalk Vineyard in Water Mill provided a natural stage for members to show their prized cars to both Section judges and visitors to the Vineyard. There were many oohs and aahs as Vineyard guests studied these prized autos.



This year's Concours winners included a range of models, colors and years. 2001 Concours winners were:

Best of Show: Napoleon Jenkins-1959

220S

In the Sedan's

1st Place: Linda Stampler-1985 300D

2nd Place: Siamak Samii-1972 300SEL6.3

3rd Place: Bernie Berberich-1981 300D

In the SL's

1st Place: Napoleon Jenkins-1955 190SL

2nd Place: John Betsch-1965 230SL

3rd Place: Douglas Kim -1970 280SL



photos courtesy of E.Ozery

MERCEDES-BENZ "TUNE-UP"

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Steinway Hall is located at 109 West 57th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues on the north side of 57th Street. Attendees traveling by car will find three parking garages on West 56th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues; those using public transportation may either hail a taxi from Penn Station, Grand Central Station, or:

- If arriving at Penn Station, take the N or R train to the 57th Street station or walk one block east to 6th Avenue and take the M5, M6, or M7 bus uptown to 57th Street;

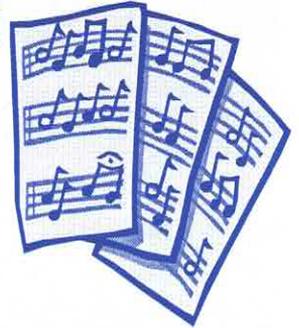
- If arriving at Grand Central Station, walk west to Madison Avenue and take the M1, M2, M3 or M4 bus uptown to 57th Street, then

transfer to the M57 or M31 cross-town bus west-bound to 6th Avenue.

[NOTE: When using subways or buses in NYC, you must use either a Metrocard (available at subway booths) or \$1.50 exact change (no \$ bills); transfers are free.

Admission is \$6 per person; light refreshments will be served from 6 to 6:30PM.

Please RSVP by
September 22nd.



M-B Marketplace

1967 230SL Automatic, both tops, Brown with Cognac. 79,000 miles. Restored \$18,000. negotiable
Call TOM GRILLI @ 516-798-0090

1973 450SLC 117,000 miles. Sunroof, new exhaust system, some rust, could use seat covers. Asking \$2,900.

1971 250C 98,000 miles. Dark Green with Tan M-B Tex
Asking \$5,900.
Will consider trades, Call BILL @ 631:584-6578

Sea Level Shop

The Sea Level Specialty Shop offers white or blue Caps and cloth Tote Bags, all sporting our Sea Level name and the 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.

(516)742-3320



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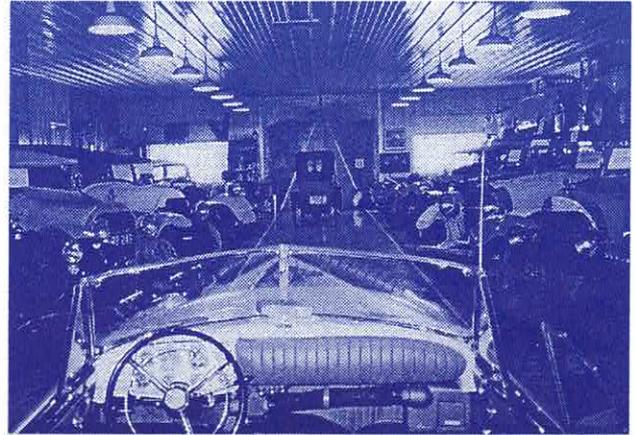
The Wickham Automobile Collection



A 1917 Owen Magnetic, 1918 Stutz, 1922 Wills Sainte Claire, 1911 Cutting or how about a 1907 CarterCar. A CarterCar had a 2 cylinder opposed engine with a friction drive. It was advertised as a car with no gears, no clutch, no universals, no noise and it really worked. Eventually, the CarterCar Company was sold to Wm

Durant, to become one of almost thirty firms that were incorporated in General Motors Corporation. Only Two dozen Cartercars are known to exist today.

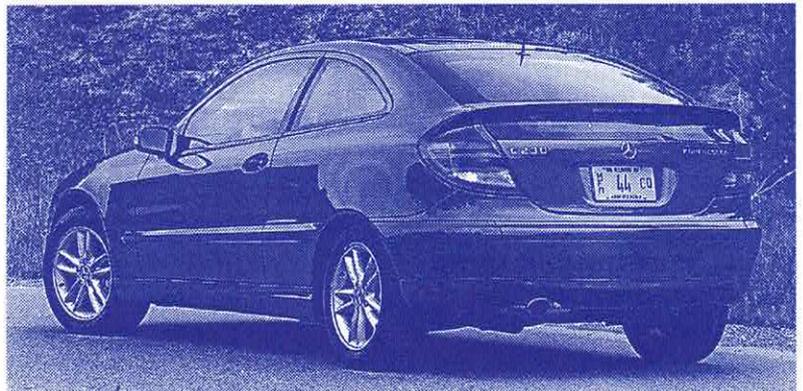
If you were unable to attend the Wickham Automobile tour in Mattituck, these are just some of the works of art that you missed.



C-Class Sports Coupe

When the new C-Class sports coupe arrives this summer, the suggested retail price will be \$24,950. Visually distinctive and different from both the C-Class sedan and the highly successful CLK-Class, the sporty two-door coupe

version of the highly successful C-Class represents the least expensive Mercedes-Benz car in modern times. The new sports coupe can be distinguished by its high back with a functional aerodynamic spoiler (for extra stability at cruising speeds) and a tinted polycarbonate panel between the rear lights.



Daimler-Steinway Commemorative Celebration-October 6th

Return To:

Dr. Jonah Berman
300 East 33 Street, #1E
New York, NY 10016

RSVP by
September 22nd

I will be there at the Celebration on October 6th commemorating the Daimler-Steinway Union.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Enclosed is \$6. per person attending, make checks payable to MBCA



The Fall Historical Rallye October 21st

Return To:

Creighton Phillips
6 Todd Drive
Glen Head, NY 11545

Sign me up! I want to be part of the rallye.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Enclosed is \$17 per person participating \$ _____ payable to MBCA .





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UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE



Sunday, June 10th	Sea Level Concours d'Elegance Duck Walk Vineyard, Water Mill
June 16-19	National: Gemutlichkeit 2001, Michigan
Sunday, July 15th	Museum Caravan Antique Car Museum, Mattituck
July 18-21	National: StarTrack: Pennsylvania
Sunday, August 19th	Winery Picnic, Tour & Popular Car Show Pindar Vineyards, Peconic
August 4-7	National: Tri-O-Rama, Virginia
Saturday, October 6th	Sea Level Reception commemorating the Daimler-Steinway Union 113th Anniversary Steinway Hall, Manhattan
Sunday, October 21st	Fall Rallye Starting: Nassau County Museum of Art
Sunday, December 2nd	Holiday Party Bonwit Inn, Commack