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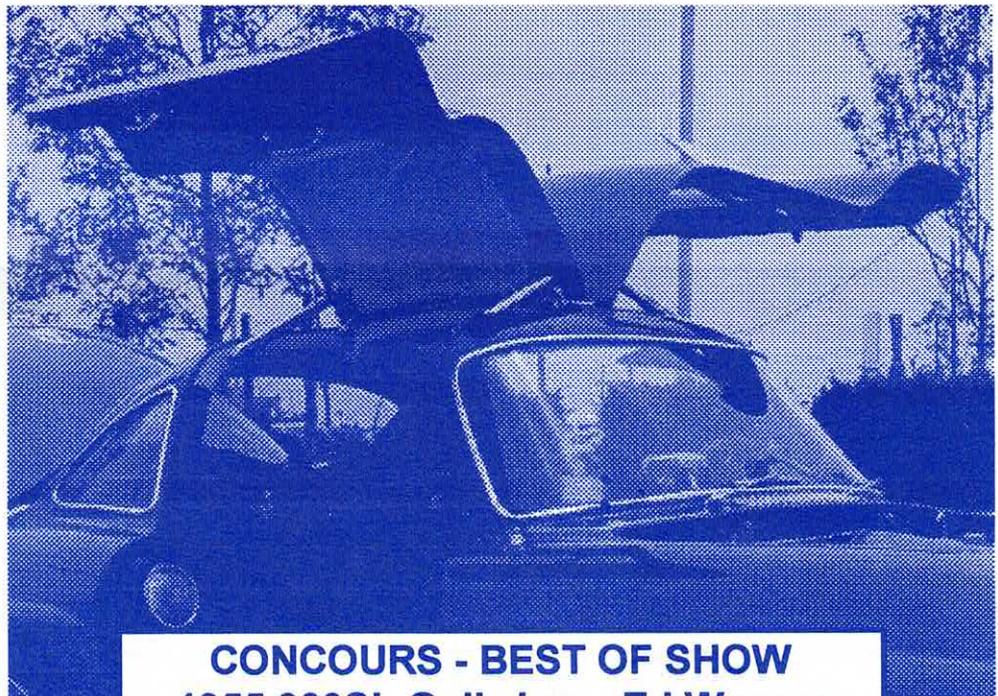
from the editor

What a day it was at the Cradle of Aviation!

The 130,000 square-foot Cradle of Aviation Museum with its spectacular four-story glass Atrium presented a magnificent backdrop for members to showcase their cars.

There were ooohs & aaahs from

Sea Level Show at the Cradle of Aviation is Huge Success!



**CONCOURS - BEST OF SHOW
1955 300SL Gullwing – Ed Werner**

The recently opened Museum is a culmination of a 20-year search to collect and restore historic flying machines that were either built on Long Island or contributed to its aviation legacy. On July 28th, Sea Level had the opportunity to be a small part of this celebration of technology with our Show. *(pictures on page 4)*

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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.

Sam Abbate	John Fitzgerald	Chuck Klein	Louis Palumbo
Sunredi Admadjaja	Michael Florimonte	Remington Korper	Paige Parker
Roger Blank	Jeffrey Francis	Daniel Koulis	Dominick Pinello
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Joseph Clift	Conrad Goerl	Michael Mannion	Julian Romano
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William Delgado	Elez Hayuun	Edward Minskoff	Anthony Salsone
Chris Diglio	Walter Hodge	Russ Mitchell	Charles Santiago
Anthony DiGuiseppe	Wade Hoover	John Molfetta	Louis Skeinker
Paul Duchnowski	Broderick Ilegbameh	Andre Moore	Joanna Steichen
Renato Epino	Timothy King	Marco Nicotra	Joe Vitarell
Ron Finnie			Benjamin Williams

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visitors to the Museum and conversely much praise of members who toured the eight exhibit galleries containing over 70 of Long Island's air and spacecraft. The day was a perfect combination of aviation and automotive technologies. We also had an opportunity to experience the first IMAX® Theater on Long Island with the largest IMAX® Dome screen in New York

President's Message

Dear Members,

Finally we had an event that wasn't spoiled by rain! Our car show was a tremendous success, and the cloudy weather kept it from getting too hot and uncomfortable. Both our Concours d' Elegance and the Popular Car Vote were well represented.

With the Concours, having a 1955 300SL Gullwing up to a 1987 560SL made the gamut of cars complete. In the Popular Show, we saw a 1968 280SE, 1961 190 diesel, and a 2003 SL500 - just a few weeks old.

The Popular Vote was very decisive with a 12 vote margin over Marco Nicotra's 2003 SL500. Ray Marmara's 2002 CLK 55 AMG managed to take the most popular car of the event. These were the cars in which most people would like to be riding.

There were members that came to view the cars on display and visit the new Cradle of Aviation Museum. There were also non-member spectators who were at the

event attending the Museum and they also enjoyed the beautiful display of cars. Many of our new spectators stopped by our hospitality tent to share their enthusiasm and awe for the cars on display.

Still to come... there is a fall rallye starting at the Park N Ride in Melville near Exit 49N of the Long Island Expressway. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Please mail it back as soon as possible. At the end of this rallye, in keeping with the by-laws of our Club, there will be an election for the board members whose term expires in November 2002. All active members are eligible for Board positions.

Once again the Club has reserved seating for members at the James Beard Foundation Wine Lovers Dinner on Saturday, October 26th. The last time we held this event, it was very well received. See our upcoming events on page six.

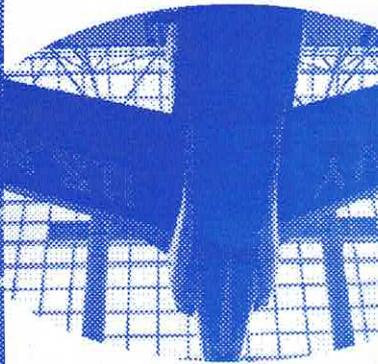
John Anaischik

John

A purchased car part from Europe came with instructions. Can you determine what countries the part is sold in from the "Installation Instructions" titles noted.

GB	Installation Instructions	I	Instruzioni per il montaggio
		E	Istrucciones de montaje
D	Einbauanleitung	P	Instruções de montagem
F	Instructions de montage	GR	Οαϕαίεσ σοίαññιëðñσñσ
NL	Inbouwhandleiding	CS	Návody k montázi
DK	Monteringsveiledning	PL	Instrukcje wbudowania
N	Montage vejledning	TR	Montaj talimatları
S	Montageanvisning	H	Beépítési utasítások
FIN	Asennusohje	YU	Uputstva o ugradnji

Concours d'Elegance & People's Car Show at the Cradle of Aviation



CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

SL Class

- 1st Place: 1965 230SL – John Betsch
- 2nd Place: 1987 560SL – Jerry Shapiro
- 3rd Place: 1980 450SL – John Anaischik

Sedan Class

- 1st Place: 1986 190E 16V – Linda Stampler
- 2nd Place: 1968 280SEL – Dominick Scaglione
- 3rd Place: 1972 280SEL 4.5 – Peter Busacca

Board Of Directors Award

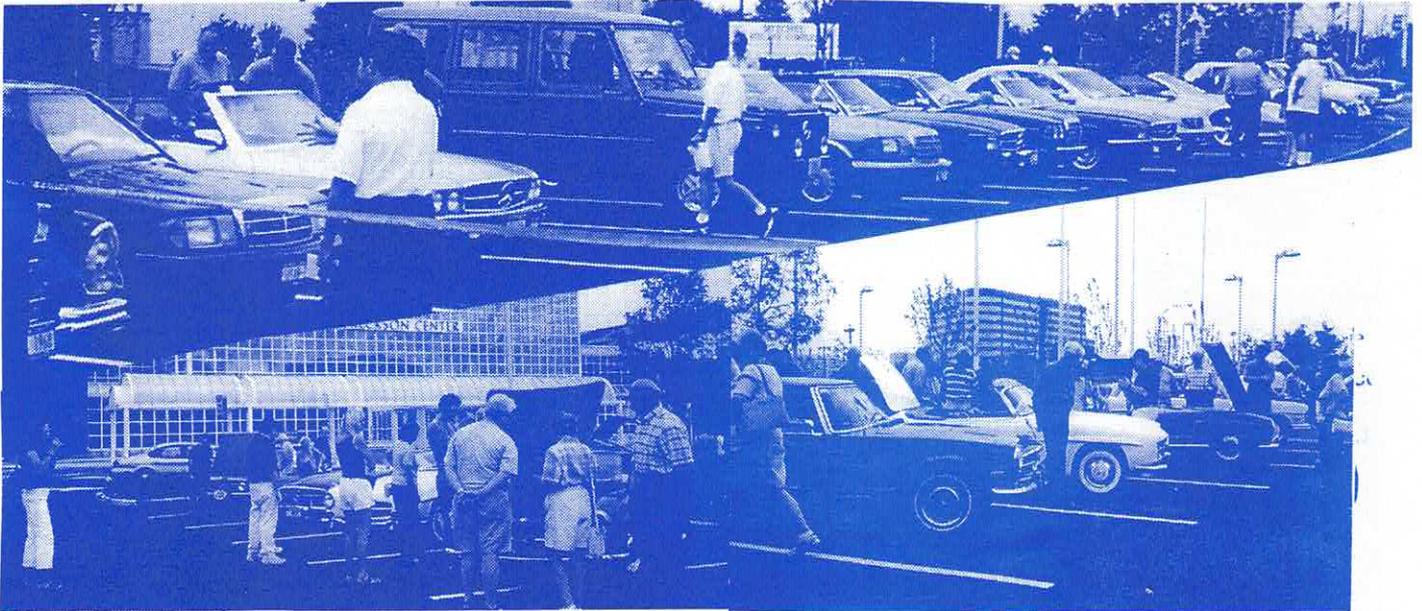
1955 190SL – Napoleon Jenkins

PEOPLES CHOICE:

- Modern Coupe – Steve Capone
- Classic Coupe – Lloyd Greenspan
- Modern SL – David Leonoff
- Classic SL – Tom Grilli
- Modern Sedan – Anthony Serafino
- Classic Sedan – John Hendricks
- Modern Convertible – Ray Maramara
- Diesel – Anthony Failsetta
- SUV – Jonah Berman

Peoples Choice - MOST POPULAR CAR

2002 CLK 55 AMG - Ray Maramara



Sea Level Shop

The Section is now offering multi-colored, chrome-plated grill badges priced at \$15 when purchased at Section events and \$20 when mailed.

Get yours before the present supply is gone!



The Sea Level Shop also offers white or blue caps and cloth tote bags, all with our Sea Level name and 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.

GRILL BADGE MAIL REQUEST (return to John Anaischik)

Please send me _____ badge(s) @ \$20. each.
Enclosed is my check payable to MBCA.

NAME _____

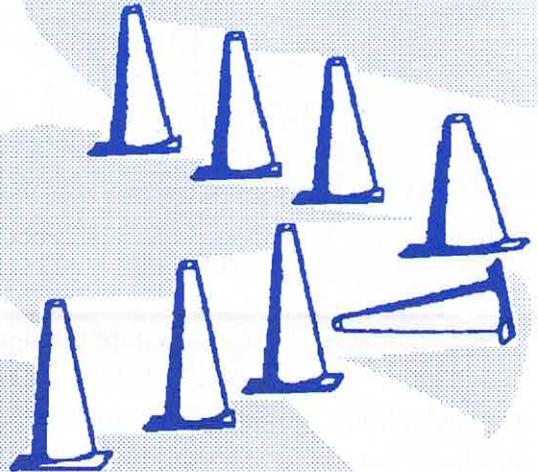
ADDRESS _____

Autocross Anyone?

WHEN: Sunday, August 18th

WHERE: Nassau Coliseum
Parking Lot #2
(Enter on Earl Ovington Blvd
truck entrance)

TIME: 8:00 A.M.



INTERESTED: Call John Anaischik
evenings after 7pm @ 516:775-3597

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Rambo Rallye XI- September 22nd

The Rallye will take the participants through some beautiful north shore locations, testing both navigation skills and sense of observation. The rallye will end at Vincent's in Carle Place. (This alone should be enough enticement to participate. Just ask anyone who has completed a past Rambo Rallye or who has eaten at Vincent's). Of course, Rambo will be present at the start of the Rallye, which commences at 10 a.m. at the Park n Ride (north side of Long Island Expressway, Exit 49)

The cost is \$19.50 per person which includes salad or pasta, a main course, unlimited soda, dessert and coffee (including espresso and cappuccino). If you're daring, you can try Vincent's hot sauce on your main course.

Sign-up forms are on the next page and should be forwarded to Dave Schoenberg who will be assisting Rambo on the 22nd. Registration needs to be received by September 18th!

Wine Lover's Dinner - October 26th James Beard Foundation - Manhattan

Mercedes-Benz Club and The James Beard Foundation will once again come together for a very special event. This evening of cocktails, dinner and socializing will bring members of the Club to the New York City townhouse of famed chef, author of twenty-one cookbooks, and New York Times syndicated food columnist, James Beard, for a gourmet meal. Chef Nunzio Patrino of the Monte Carlo Living Room in Philadelphia will prepare one of his signature meals. Wines served will be imported from Villa Cafaggio, Greve, Italy. The James Beard Foundation will permit us only forty seats for this dinner, so book early. Through Vinny Milo, a corporate member of the Foundation, the fee of \$110. per person has been waived, and a special fee of \$85 extended for the MBCA members and their guests. Cocktails: 7pm sharp. (if weather permitting, in garden) Dinner: 8pm. Includes: cocktail hour, complete dinner with wines, dessert, coffee, taxes and tip. Parking: \$7.00 discount parking for the night at: Chivian garage 101 w 12th st (between 6/7 Avenue) or short cab ride from Penn Station. Any questions, Vinny can be reached at 212 532-4810. Sign-up is on next page.

Open House & Tech Session - November 10th at Mercedes-Benz Manhattan

Make plans now to visit Mercedes-Benz in Manhattan on November 10th for a presentation of new products and technology, Telematics, the MB Guard Car with video show, and a presentation of the Classic Car Center by MBUSA's Maryalice Ritzmann. Tour the main shop area and the newly renovated parts and accessories boutique. Mercedes-Benz Manhattan, Inc., the only factory dealership in the United States, is located at 536 West 41st Street, between 10th and 11th Avenue. Driving directions to the facility can be obtained via their website: www.mb-manhattan.com (attendees can enter their own addresses/zip codes and detailed driving instructions are provided). If you are driving, remember that 41st Street is a one-way street westbound. Parking will be in their own secure facility. **Open House and Tech Session begins at 11am.** Sign-up forms on page seven should be returned to Jonah Berman who is coordinating this event.

Rambo Rallye XI

Sunday, September 22nd

Return To: David Shoenberg (631 427-3322)
1 Longwood Drive
South Huntington, NY 11746

Enclosed is \$19.50 per person. Make checks payable to MBCA
Registration should be received by Wednesday, September 18th

Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

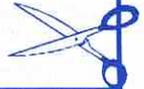


Wine Lover's Dinner - October 26th

James Beard Foundation - Manhattan

Mail reservation and check made out to MBCA to
VCM Marketing Co. (212 532-4810)
230 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1705
New York, NY 10001-7704

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____ Number attending _____ @\$85 equals \$ _____



Open House & Tech Session

MB Manhattan - November 10th

Dr. Jonah Berman (212 685-1917)
300 East 33rd Street, Apt 1E
New York, NY 10016

Yes, I will be attending the Sea Level Manhattan Mercedes-Benz Meet.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ No. of People in Party: _____





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EVENT SCHEDULE

<i>Saturday, March 10th</i>	<i>Defensive Driving Course</i>
<i>Sunday, April 28th</i>	<i>South Fork Rallye</i>
<i>Saturday, May 18th</i>	<i>Acceleration Run</i>
<i>Sunday, July 28th</i>	<i>Concours d'Elegance & Popular Car Show</i>
<i>Sunday, August 18th</i>	<i>Autocross with BMW Club Nassau Coliseum</i>
<i>Sunday, September 22nd</i>	<i>Rambo XI Rallye Starting: Park n Ride LIE Exit 49 (see article)</i>
<i>Saturday, October 26th</i>	<i>Wine Lover's Dinner The James Beard Foundation, Manhattan</i>
<i>Sunday, November 10th</i>	<i>Tech Session / Open House Manhattan Mercedes-Benz</i>
<i>Sunday, December 8th</i>	<i>Holiday Party Bonwit Inn, Commack</i>

State.
If you were
unable to
attend, you
should try to
get to the
Cradle of
Aviation.
It's worth the
trip!
Don't forget to
sign up for
upcoming
events!