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A New Season Begins!

Although you might not know from the weather lately, Spring has arrived bringing the start of another driving season.

It is however with great sadness that we are starting the new season without our good friend and long time MBCO President, John Fisher, who passed away suddenly on January 27th. We will all miss John's energy and dedication to the MBCO.

Although it is difficult to replace John, we know he would want the Club to carry on. The MBCO Board of Directors have taken the necessary steps to ensure the Club continues on and will try to maintain the high standards John had established.

Larry Lomas has accepted the position of President and the rest of the Board Members are committed to assisting Larry in making this season a success.

We have a number of excellent events planned for this year as well as some exciting news related to the Club website, (thanks to the hard work by our Webmaster, John Bartholomew). Check out the details in this issue.

The MBCO Board hopes that all our members will continue to support the Club and encourage you to join us at this season's events.

Mike McKinnon
Vice President &
Ottawa Tri-Star Editor



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**In Memory of
John Fisher
1951-2014**

On January 27th, the MBCO lost one of its founding members and long standing Club President. Just days before John had been in contact with MBCO Board Members to organize a meeting to start planning this year's events. Over the years John spent countless hours organizing local events for MBCO members as well as being a strong advocate of the Ottawa Section at numerous MBCA events in Canada and internationally.

John had a distinguished career in the Royal Canadian Navy, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. He and his wife Joan were also very active in several other clubs and community organizations. No doubt John will be missed by these other organizations as well.

John will be interred at Beechwood Cemetery on May 16th. Fittingly, John's last ride will be in his beloved S55 AMG. Thanks John for a job well done. You will be missed.

Message from the President

By Larry Lomas



GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER

That's what your board members will be doing over the next month or so.

Bob Richer, our treasurer and membership secretary will be dividing up the membership list amongst the executive and board members, collectively known as the board. We will be phoning you to verify your membership data and solicit your views on the club and its activities. We will also update you on recent events and other activities within our Ottawa section and MBCA itself. Through the hard work of our web master and second vice president John Bartholomew we can view the proceedings of both as we are, as most of you now know, co-located.

Events seem to attract, more or less, the same club members. Board member Hubert Drouin likens it to a police lineup of the usual suspects. We hope you will join us in the lineup if you are not now one of the suspects. While many auto clubs have a fair share of gear heads or

techies, ours like the rest of us, are equally comfortable in a relaxed social setting. Our mix of members with varying backgrounds often leads to some interesting discussions when we get together.

Mike McKinnon, our first vice president and editor of our Ottawa Tri-Star, is planning for a wider variety of articles and is encouraging us all to submit what we think might be of interest to our fellow members. The MB content need not be extensive. Have a chat or e mail him about what you have in mind. He is also allowing more space for photos and most of us are packing cameras either around our neck or more often in our pocket.

We are all looking forward to "doing Lunch on the River" and happily, Joan Fisher will be accompanying Debbie and myself there.

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2014 EVENTS LIST

Event 1 LET'S DO LUNCH ON THE RIVER Saturday May 24, 2014



Perched on the edge of the St Lawrence River, the Ivy Lea Club is comprised of a Private Marina, The Ivy Restaurant and the Coach House General Store.

Join fellow MBCO members for lunch at the Ottawa Section's first event of the season. Located an hour and a half drive from Ottawa along the 1000 Island Parkway, the Ivy Lea Club is about three kilometers past the International Bridge to the USA. Look for the two large granite stones at the entrance. Check out their website at: ivyleaclub.ca

Newly renovated, we will enjoy an outstanding setting to meet over a delightful lunch on the patio.

This is a very popular venue, so PLEASE RESERVE LUNCH EARLY AND DIRECTLY FOR 11:30 a.m. with The Ivy Restaurant, 613-659-2486 to guarantee your place on the patio. Also, it's important to mention that you are with the Mercedes-Benz Club of Ottawa. Plan to arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. to position your car in the reserved parking area. Someone will direct you on arrival.

A Door Prize will be drawn following lunch.

In the event of inclement weather, we will be served indoors. So please come rain or shine. The drive on the Parkway alone is worth it.

Please inform our Event Convener, Hubert Drouin at 613-733-6232 or dhdrouin@bell.net to ensure adequate parking for your prized possession.

P.S. Boat Tours are available from either Rockport or Gananoque nearby; there is also a Heritage Museum in Gan!

Event 2 JUNE EVENT - DETAILS TO FOLLOW Saturday June 21, 2014



We are still working on some details for a special event to be held on Saturday June 21st. Information will be posted on the Ottawa Section Website and email notice sent out when more information is available.



MORE 2014 EVENTS

Event 3 MERRICKVILLE AUTO SHOW



Sunday July 13, 2014

Once again the MBCO will be participating in this very popular event. The Merrickville Auto Show is one of the largest car shows in Ontario with over 1000 participants. We have had very good turn outs for this event in the last several years. In order to make sure we can reserve enough space for the MBCO cars, members who are going to attend need to confirm with Event Organizer, Barry Phillips (Bphillips1@sympatico.ca) in advance of the show.

Come out and show your MB with other Club members, take in the show and explore historic Merrickville on the Rideau Canal.

Event 4 JABULANI WINERY TOUR



Saturday August 9, 2014

Back by popular demand, our friends Tom and Janet Moul have agreed to host the MBCO for another a tour and tasting session at their award winning Jabulani Winery near Richmond Ont.

We last visited Jabulani in 2012 and had a very enjoyable day learning about growing grapes in a cool climate, making wine and of course sampling some excellent wines!

More details will be provided closer to the event date but make sure you mark the date on your calendar!

Event Organizer—Mike McKinnon (benzowner@xplornet.ca)

Event 5 MT TREMBLANT DRIVING TOUR



Saturday September 27, 2014

Come check out the fall foliage on this driving tour to beautiful Mt Tremblant Que. Located within an easy drive from Ottawa, Mt Tremblant is a great destination to visit. We have made arrangements for lunch at the Fairmont Hotel, including allowing us to park and display our cars at the traffic circle at the entrance to the hotel.

In addition to enjoying the drive through the Quebec countryside, you can explore the many shops and attractions in the Mt Tremblant area. This is sure to be a very popular event so make sure you mark your calendar. Details will be provided closer to the event date.

Event Organizer—Hubert Drouin (dhdrouin@rogers.com)



2014 Annual General Meeting & Dinner October 22, 2014



This year our Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held at the beautiful and historic Keg Manor on Richmond Rd in Ottawa.

A separate room has been reserved for the MBCO for us to hold our meeting and socialize over a delicious dinner.

Details will be announced closer to the event date.

Plan to join us for a wonderful evening.

Event Organizer - Mike McKinnon (benzowner@explornet.ca)

Have \$2 Million to Spare?

The pictures below show what you can get if you have a couple million dollars to spare. The pictures are of a 1956 300SL “barn find” which sold at the Gooding & Company Auction in Scottsdale AZ for a mere \$1,897,500 US (including commission). The “patina-rich” car has its original black paint and red leather interior. Have to wonder how much more it will cost to restore!

Thanks to Bob Richer for the info.



New Ottawa Section Website Is Launched!

By John Bartholomew

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Welcome to the website for the Ottawa Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA).

The Ottawa Section encompasses eastern Ontario and the Outaouais area of western Quebec. Our section is approximately 80 members strong, owning a variety of vintage, classic and modern Mercedes-Benz.

The Ottawa area has many scenic and historical locations and attractions, and provides magnificent driving experiences for Section events.

Our Section welcomes new members and encourages member participation in our events.

For those interested in obtaining additional information regarding MBCA, the national website is at www.mbc.org or contact one of our Executive or Directors with any additional questions.

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I was very pleased to announce the launch of the new Ottawa Section website of the MBCA on May 3, 2014. With several months of work to develop the content, ongoing support and advice from the MBCA National Business Office (NBO), the website was officially launched to the Club at large and the general Internet community.

While the old website has served us well, it had reached its limit in terms of adding content and making changes to its structure.

The new website is a clone of the MBCA's main website at mbca.org, hence it has the same look and feel but with our own Section's local content and provides a consistency with other MBCA Sections' websites.

One of the advantages of moving to this new website is its synchronization

with mbca.org, the MBCA "parent" site. Content such as our Section's Event Notices and Event Reports that we add to mbca.org will automatically flow down to our Section's site. This information flows to other nearby Sections to let them what we are doing and also works in reverse so we will know about other nearby Club events. Our Section's inputs also get added to the Star Magazine's events pages. Lastly, our Section Event Notices and Reports can be sent to our mobile applications.

With improved flexibility to add further content such as pages, photos, current and past newsletters, the Ottawa Section website can be tailored as we see fit.

On a "technical" note as the Webmaster, I appreciate that the software application built into the

background of the website allows me to make additions, modifications and edits quickly and easily.

Since our Section's website is now hosted by the NBO, we receive free ongoing technical support from the NBO Webmaster, "Haus" Cartwright. I would like to acknowledge Haus for the tremendous support and advice he provided me to help develop our website and its public launch.

All in all, it was quite enjoyable to develop the new website, and I am sure it will serve our Section well for many years to come. Please visit our website often at: ottawa.mbc.org

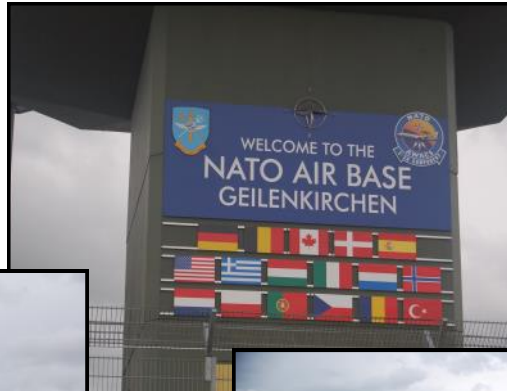
John Bartholomew
Ottawa Section MBCA Webmaster



Benz and Birds

By Mike McKinnon

As part of my work I had the opportunity to attend an airshow at the NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen Germany a while ago. While the airshow had the regular collection of new and vintage aircraft, there were some additional attractions which caught the attention of many of the visitors.



In the midst of the commotion with crowds of people milling about the aircraft on display came a parade of gleaming classic Mercedes Benz from some of the local MB Club chapters. In spite of the overwhelming presence of modern military air power, everyone's heads turned to take in the classic elegance of some of Germany's best automotive engineering. The parade proceeded to the main hangar area and lined up so visitors could have a close look and chat with the owners.



It was great to see the reaction of so many people, young and old, to these wonderful cars. It was also apparent that the owners took great pride in their vehicles and enjoyed sharing them with the air show visitors.

A great day enjoying Benz's and Birds.



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