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From the Editor to be published in the April 2010 Magazine:

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Hello everyone!

I just returned from a brief business and holiday trip to California, USA. The business meeting took place in Irvine, which is located on the southern side of greater Los Angeles. It was a coincidence and a pleasure to have the opportunity to drop in at the nearby located Mercedes-Benz Museum which is well worth a visit. This museum is the American equivalent to the Mercedes Museum in Fellbach (near Stuttgart), Germany, and offers a great range of cars to view and/or to purchase.

We would like to advise that the annual Club Membership fee is going to be increased from \$50.00 to \$65.00 per year, commencing on the 1 April 2010.

Future club events have been planned and organised and we would love to see you there. For "when & where" please refer to Coming Events or to our Club website www.mercedesclub.org.nz/events .

May your Star be your guiding light to any of our listed future club events!

For more information or to confirm your attendance please contact our Club Captain Jack Nazer on 09 378 4580.

Any suggestions for future events or feedback on past events are most welcome and can be emailed to our Club Secretary Persees Antia mbsecretary@xtra.co.nz or myself.

Coming Events:

10 & 11 April - 10.00am: Festival of Speed in Whitianga

If you love fast aircrafts, fast boats, exotic cars and motorcycles, along with thrilling stunts, the Whitianga Festival of speed will push all the right buttons as it combines

the best of those activities in an adrenalin filled weekend of activity. As the poster below says: *“If it flies, floats or turns wheels and heads it is bound to be there.”*

Our club has been invited to participate in the Festival of Speed’s Motokhana which is on the Saturday from 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Cars require a current WOF and Registration, and drivers need their valid drivers licence. No experience is necessary and there is no charge to participate.

Admission to the event is free but you will have to arrange and cover the cost for transport, accommodation, meals and drinks.

By requirement, please phone David Winn 09 238 7571 to register your entry for the car and driver for the Motokhana.



This promises to be an event with no dull moments. If you would like to find out more please visit www.whitiangafos.com .

18 April – 10.00am: Grass Gymkhana - DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!

We are privileged to have been offered a large, very level grassed area near Pukekohe to run our club gymkhana. There’s plenty of space to run a very varied programme. This is your chance to have a go at car control in a one car at a time situation on set course, with little risk of damage to you or your precious Mercedes. Try your skills as a driver in an off road situation – it is fun – fun –fun.

Where: 79 Rutherford Road, Pukekohe. Take the southern motorway, turn right at Bombay onto Mill Road towards Pukekohe. After around 4 km’s, turn right in to Runciman Road (tennis courts are on the corner). Take the first right (Rutherford Road) and look for the second house on the left – Number 79, “Chelsea Farm”.

When: 10.00am

What do I need: Picnic lunch, a Mercedes and a desire to have fun.

Why: Because these opportunities don't come around very often and this one is a must if you want to really enjoy a day out with your precious Mercedes.

Contact: Brian Hood Ph 6343573 or 0274 768526 if you have any concerns/questions or for a list of folk who can vouch for how much fun this type of event is.

Bad Weather?: In the event of cancelation due to bad weather, the event is rescheduled for Sunday, 25th of April 2010 - same time and place.

2 May - Visit to Waiheke Island: The committee of the Auckland Club are keen to arrange a wide series of events throughout the year. The aim is to provide activities that vary from technical education, to car displays, to social occasions and anything else which might be unusual and interesting.

Jack Nazer, our Club Captain, is a man of action and a great organiser. Jack has got the inside running on Waiheke Island through the services of a close friend who can point us in the right direction for a day out on this unique Garden of Eden which is situated so close and yet so far from Auckland.

The plan is: Sunday May 2 park your Benz at Half Moon Bay Marina and board the ferry for a 9.00am or 10.00am sailing to Kennedy Point . After a pleasant 45 minute trip across the water we join our coach for a tour of the best spots on the island. The plan is to visit the leading wineries, scenic beauty spots and a superb lunch at Te Whau Vineyard & Restaurant. Te Whau is something very special. So special, that the New York Times devoted a full page to a description of their visit together with a colour photograph of the view from the restaurant. The view covers 360 degrees with Auckland city in the distance, the harbour, the Gulf and the blue Pacific, this is truly world class, you will not find anything better anywhere.

The ferry will return us with either a 3.00pm or 4.30pm sailing in the afternoon.

Cost per person:

- Lunch \$72.50 plus beverages
- Coach \$30
- Ferry \$24 (free to Gold Card holders)
- Wine tastings etc. To be advised

This expedition **needs a minimum of 15 people to proceed** and if you would like to attend then please ring David Winn (09) 238 7571 before April 18. Full details will be posted to all participants shortly after this date.

June - Garage Raid: Details to follow

22 June – 7.30pm: Annual General Meeting of our Club at the Commerce Club, Ohinerau Street, Remuera (near Greenlane Motorway Interchange). Here is **YOUR** opportunity to express your feedback on your Club.

Opportunity for the Members to help the Committee!

We have had one of our best years with highest numbers attending the following events:

Garage Raid – Prize Giving Dinner at Portside Bar and Brasserie – Springtime Run in the Waikato - Christmas Luncheon at Miranda – Show and Shine Picnic at Galaxy of Cars.

Now that we have the momentum going can we improve anything?

Annual Prize Giving Dinner:

Can any member suggest a better venue for Prize Giving Dinner? It has to be better and to take account of what Portside offers – excellent parking, cocktail facility, handy private dining room suitable for our numbers, Good wine list and food menu including vegetarian at sensible prices. If anyone has a better venue - ring Jack Nazer 09 378-4580.

Committee:

Our long standing Treasurer is standing down so we are looking for expressions of interest from members, not only to replace him, but to inject some fresh blood into our committee. Monthly meetings usually take little more than an hour. There is plenty of time to consider this request with our A.G.M. taking place on 22nd June. – ring David Winn 09 238-7571.

New Members:

We would like to welcome:

Geoff Bogue 1969 classic SL
Michael Findlay 2004 - SL AMG and 1966 - 250SE
Selwyn Houry 1967 - 230S

For Sale:

Personalised Euro Number Plate: MBENDZ
Contact Josh Cameron
Day phone: 09 273-7717
Mobile: 021 960-733

C200 1997 Station Wagon [NZ spec]

Automatic. 4 cylinder, 2000cc, 185,000 kms. In great condition. Well loved and cared for. Regularly serviced.

Features: ABS brakes, Air conditioning, Alloy wheels, Central locking, Driver & passenger airbags, Power steering

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Contact Jilly on 027 29 444 86 or 09 377 5456

WANTED:

230, 250, or 280 SL in good order. Prefer manual gearbox

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