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## So Long Summer...Hello Autumn

As the autumn colours start to show, we have to accept that in a short few months we will be faced with the return of winter.

But take heart because before we huddle in our cozy homes, we still have a couple more great events to take place.

On Saturday October 3rd, we have a Fall Colours Tour and Lunch at the German Club and on November 3 we have our Annual General Meeting and Dinner. Details on both these events are contained in this newsletter.

Thanks goes out to Bob Mather for organizing a fun day at the Carleton Golf and Yacht Club. We had a good turn out and although the weather was hot, everyone enjoyed the lunch and either touring Watkins Mill or playing a round of golf. (Based on the way I golfed that day I should have taken the Mill tour!)

As you will read in Larry Lomas' President's Message, we are going to see some changes to the Executive of the Club. We therefore encourage members to consider offering to help fill some of these positions as it is essential we have participation in order to keep the Club going.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the events we held this year and that you can join us the remaining events.

Drive Safe!



Mike McKinnon  
Vice President &  
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## Message from the President

By Larry Lomas



### Our Club's Board & Your Participation

We are blessed by having long serving past and present board members who devote their time and energy freely for our benefit.

Hubert Drouin, a MBCO member since 2005, was elected to the board soon after and served until last year's AGM when he volunteered to retire in order to conduct the election without having a conflict of interest. In addition to his many other contributions up to very recently, he and I shared responsibility for the longest running and well received "Benz Meets Rolls at the Chateau Montebello". After 12 years we both decided it had run its course despite his considerable talents in keeping it alive during that time.

The board is now faced with the departure of Jean-Guy Labelle as

secretary due to increased job demands including Nov 3, the night of our AGM. He became a member in 2006 and has been a solid contributor since and will continue to be, along with Hubert, as contributing members at a reduced level.

We need this position filled prior to the AGM and of course the person filling is almost certain to be elected to the board at the Nov 3 AGM.

Any member interested in this position or that of a board member at large should call or e mail me as soon as possible to discuss further.

In conversations with many of you I detect there is both leadership and executive ability beneath your pleasant exterior.

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# Carleton Golf & Yacht Club Event

By Bob Mather

About 25 members participated in the August event of our MBCA Chapter at the Carleton Golf & Yacht Club.

Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch by the Rideau River. There was a good showing of SLs and it was a good day for Cabriolets as well. Some members took the short drive to Manotick in the afternoon for a tour of the historic Watson's Mill and the adjacent Dickenson house. The mill was in operation and members saw first hand how a 19th century mill worked. At the Dickenson house they got an insight into the life of Moss Kent Dickenson, an entrepreneur who was known, at one time, as the King of the Rideau.

Other members stayed at the "Club" for a round of golf. The weather (very hot) was conducive to a leisurely round of golf. Members appeared to enjoy this event as there was something for everyone.



# A Special Collection

By Michael Hoegl

One of our Ottawa Section members has a collection of some very special MB's. We asked Michael Hoegl to share some info on his cars which we thought would be of interest to Club members. We'd like to thank Michael for sharing the information and photos with us. I'm sure Michael would be happy to talk more about his unique vehicles to be sure and ask him about them when you see him at any of our club events.

## 1970 Mercedes-Benz 600 LWB

This car started its life in Sault Lake City, UT. The first owner was an industrialist who purchased the car for his own use. After that I do not know who was the second owner, but I bought it off a Japanese corporation which shipped it to Los Angeles, CA to sell. After I purchased the car it was like the never ending story concerning the restoration.

Now the car is finished and it is my intention to sell it. None of the 600 are the same, each one is different, starting with the interior material to the type of wood used and the location of sunroofs if ordered. It took 63 days to built this car and only 486 LWBs

were built in the 18 year production run, 59 of them were Landaulets.

## 1985 Mercedes-Benz 300GD

This car was never sold in Canada and is imported by someone. It initially came with the 3.0L 5Cyl engine which is



directly competing with a turtle on the highway. The previous owner swapped the engine out with a 3.0L 5Cyl turbo charged engine from a 300SD. Now I can leave the turtle behind, and only the turtle. Due to the weight of the car it is still underpowered.

## 1995 Mercedes-Benz SL74

This car started out as a SL600 in Montreal. After I purchased it I realised, that 390 HP is not enough and I contacted Renntech in Florida. They are in the same market as AMG, Brabus etc. They bored the engine to a 7.4 and with doing this the brakes, transmission, exhaust and computer chip were also upgraded. Now there is about 540HP natural aspirated. I enjoy taking it to the track.at StarFest.

### 1913 Benz W5 8/20HP

This car was built in Mannheim, Germany. As a rolling chassis it was sold into Australia where the body was put on the car. When the previous owner bought the car, it was completely disassembled and put in boxes. He said it took him close to 10 years to put it together. He had to do the restoration mainly from pictures since all the records in Germany were destroyed by air raids. The body of the car is a reproduction which they made going through pictures of a dealership. Unfortunately nobody knows what the original body was. I know of 8 other W5's in existence, most of them in the land down under. The 8 in the name of it indicated the tax horsepower and the 20 the actual engine output horsepower.



## Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Based on the popularity of last year's AGM Dinner, we've selected another historic venue to hold this year's event.

Our Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on Tuesday November 3 at the Bostaurus Restaurant at 61 Rue Principale in Aylmer Que.

Cocktails will start around 5:30 with Dinner commencing around 7:00.

Attendance will be limited to 40 persons so make sure you confirm your attendance soon. The Club will be helping to subsidize the meal and there will be door prizes as well.

Please contact Larry Lomas at [lomas@videotron.ca](mailto:lomas@videotron.ca).



# 2015 Events

We have a couple more events this season. Come out and join us!

## **Eurocars Fall Colours Tour and Lunch at German Club - Saturday October 3rd.**

It will be the closest we can get to Bavaria without jet lag and our Loonie is accepted at par. We are also inviting the Eurocars Clubs to this event so it should well attended. We start from the Lincoln Fields Shopping Center then proceeding on a scenic drive along some of the parkways and end up at the MLA (German) Club (<http://www.mlac.ca/WebPages/directions.html>) where we will have a car show and a light German lunch and refreshments. Contact Larry Lomas by Sept 28th to confirm your attendance.



## **Annual General Meeting and Dinner—Tuesday Nov 3rd.**

Come and join us for the AGM and Dinner. This is your chance to participate in how you want your Club to be run while enjoying a great meal with your fellow members. The AGM and Dinner will be held at the Bostaurus Restaurant in Alymer Que, located at 61 Rue Principale. Cocktails will start around 5:30 followed by dinner and the AGM starting around 7:00. Contact Larry Lomas for more information.



# New Ottawa Section Website

By John Bartholomew

If you haven't already done so, make sure you check out our new website. It is a clone of the MBCA's main website at [mbca.org](http://mbca.org), so 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](http://mbca.org), the MBCA "parent" site. Content such as our Section's Event Notices and Event Reports that we add to [mbca.org](http://mbca.org) will automatically flow down to our Section's site. This information flows to other nearby Sections as well to let them what we are doing and also works in reverse so we will know about other nearby Club events.

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