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Holiday Party Sullivan's Steakhouse

Date: Sunday, December 6th

Time: 1:30pm-4:00pm

Location: 3316 East 86th, Indianapolis, IN 46240

Price: \$45 each, the club is subsidizing the party for the membership to enjoy.

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2015/2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2015 Seymour Oktoberfest October 3rd Meet at 9:30am Steak & Shake I6S Exit 103	NOVEMBER 2015 Drive & Dine November 7th To the Schnitzelbank in Jasper Southern Indiana's Premier German Restaurant.	DECEMBER 2015 Holiday Party December 6th, 2015 1:30pm-4:30pm Sullivan's Steakhouse
JANUARY 2016 New Member Breakfast Saturday, January 9th	FEBRUARY 2016 Valentine's Day Brunch Sunday February 14th	MARCH 2016 Board Meeting
APRIL 2016 Tech Session Russ Jeffrey's Garage TBA	MAY 2016 Indy 500 Activities	JUNE 2016 Autocross Saturday, June 11th Center Grove High School
JULY 2016	AUGUST 2016 Show 'N Shine Carmel Clay Park	SEPTEMBER 2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2015 ELECTIONS

This is your club and we need members to get involved to keep the club active. Three people cannot continue to operate the club without additional help. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2016 will be held at the Holiday Party on 12/6/2015.

The following positions are open:

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Donor/Sponsors Liaison**
- **Membership Chairman**

2018 MERCEDES-BENZ S-CLASS SPY SHOTS

SUBMITTED BY JEFF KLEPAC ON 11-14-2015



It seems like only yesterday Mercedes-Benz introduced its current S-Class, the W222, but we already have spy shots of a prototype engineers are using to develop new features for the car's mid-cycle update. As the S-Class was all-new in 2013, arriving as a 2014 model, we expect this updated version to land sometime in 2017, as a 2018 model.

Changes to the exterior will be subtle, with the only difference we can spot at present being the new headlights. They keep the shape of the current lights used on the S-Class but the 'eyebrow' daytime running lights adopt a new design with three strips instead of one, and one of the main light clusters has been replaced by a trio of LEDs stacked vertically.

These stacked LEDs form part of Mercedes' next-generation Multibeam LED matrix headlight technology, which allows you to leave your high beams permanently on. Advanced monitoring systems detect other road users and send commands to individually-controlled LEDs that can light up sections of the road with precision-controlled distribution of the light beam, so that no one is dazzled. The system can also detect and light up ahead of time pedestrians or animals near the side of the road.

Some shots of the interior reveal some significant changes. The dual digital displays that form the main instrument cluster and infotainment system appear slightly larger. It also looks like configuration of the displays has been revised and the multi-function steering wheel is sporting a new design as well.



We also hear that the Mercedes is experimenting with a gesture-control system that may make its debut in the updated S-Class. BMW has just launched such a system in its 2016 7-Series. Other changes in the cabin are likely to include new trim options and possibly a new design for the front seats.

It's too early to talk powertrain mods but Mercedes typically updates the mechanicals around the midway point of its products' life cycles. We know the automaker's nine-speed automatic transmission will be fitted to the S-Class soon, possibly before the update, and we could see the current engine offerings tuned to deliver more power along with improved economy. Another possibility is the high-performance S63 swapping its current 5.5-liter V-8 in favor of Mercedes-AMG's new 4.0-liter mill.

Stay tuned for updates as development continues.

WINTERIZING YOUR CLASSIC MERCEDES-BENZ

BY RICHARD SIMONDS

With winter well on the way, this is a good time to take steps to ensure the older Mercedes-Benz that you won't be driving much during the next several months – if at all – won't suffer during storage and will be ready to use when the weather improves. Remember the number of cars you've heard of that were garaged in the fall – never to run again – because weather conditions got so bad during the winter that the cars couldn't be salvaged in spring without investing more dollars than they were worth? Before you bed your car down for the winter for a deep sleep, go through the following handy check list of preventive maintenance items to avoid a rude awakening in the spring.

- Change the oil and oil filter. Although you can change the oil on newer cars based on mileage, older cars that are only occasionally driven should have their oil changed following the calendar; the best time is at the end of each driving season to avoid leaving grungy old oil and debris in the engine that will create problems for you next spring. Run the car to warm it up before draining the oil to loosen said grungy oil and contaminants.
- Flush the radiator and fill it with fresh coolant – tap water mixed with the recommended proportion of antifreeze for your climate (usually 50-50 in most of North America); a pet-friendly and environmentally friendly antifreeze is recommended. Run the car to thoroughly circulate the coolant into the radiator and heater cores. Also, fill the windshield washer reservoir with washer fluid that won't freeze at the coldest temperatures expected.
- Although glycol-based brake and clutch fluids are good for two years, it's a better idea to change those as well, filling the reservoirs with new fluid and then bleeding out the old fluid. These brake and clutch fluids are hydrophilic (they absorb moisture) and the master and wheel cylinders can be damaged – or leave the clutch frozen – if too much moisture gets into the system and causes rust.
- Fill the fuel tank, add a fuel stabilizer, and run the engine. This stabilizes the entire fuel system; the fuller the fuel tank, the less room for moisture to cause rust and fuel contamination.
- Wash and wax the car thoroughly, and vacuum the interior. Make sure there isn't any food left in the glove compartment or in the cracks in the upholstery that might attract critters. Remove anything that could burst in freezing temperatures to avoid damage in your vehicle. Then place opened boxes of baking soda in the interior and trunk to absorb moisture and storage odors.
- Fill the tires with air – usually at a slightly higher pressure than for regular driving. Some owners like to use jack stands or blocks to lift the tires off the floor to avoid flat spots and moisture rotting, especially if they do not intend to drive the vehicle until next spring.
- Park the car in a dry place that will be as protected from the weather as possible. The best storage situation is a weatherproof garage with a concrete floor. If you must store the car in a shed with a dirt floor, put a plastic moisture barrier under the car.
- Close all windows and doors, and the hood and trunk lid to discourage vermin from taking up residence. Use plastic bags or aluminum foil over the air cleaner intake and the exhaust pipes to prevent vermin and insects from damaging your vehicle. Moth balls placed around the vehicle can turn away some vermin.
- Hook up a battery charger/battery tender (the type specifically designed to maintain a charge without over-charging). If you don't have access to electricity, remove the battery and store it in a clean, dry place off the floor and on a wooden surface where it won't freeze and where a battery tender can keep it charged. Follow proper practice to remove your battery – remove the negative cable first, then the positive cable – and be prepared with a battery removal strap and the strength to remove the very heavy battery that is usually in an awkward place. Be careful: Battery acid will do a lot of damage if spilled.
- Cover the car with a good quality indoor car cover to keep dust off the paint and reduce the possibility of scratching when moving around the car. Resist the temptation to stack anything on the car over the course of the winter.

If you carry out these preparations, you will not need to restart your vehicle and run it while in storage. Idling is very bad on engines and can leave condensation and acids in the engine and exhaust system that do more damage than just letting your vehicle sit unused for the winter. However, it is a good idea to check the vehicle thoroughly on the interior, in the trunk, and under the hood at least once a month to make sure that nothing has taken up lodging in the car.

On the other hand, if you do have the opportunity to take the car out occasionally for a minimum 20-minute drive on a nice winter's day when the roads are clear and dry, that's the best way to keep everything in tiptop shape. You don't need to warm up the car, even in cold temperatures, as long as you don't put the engine under heavy load until the engine temperature reaches operating levels. Follow these instructions and your car will be as good the day you drive it out next spring as it was when you put it away. And don't neglect your everyday driver, either. After your classic is bedded down, make sure the oil is in good shape in your regular car and the coolant has been recently changed. Check the hoses and belts in the engine compartment to ensure they won't leak or burst in freezing conditions.

Check the condition and pressure of the tires, and make sure the tread is up to handling rainy and snowy conditions. Better yet, mount a set of winter tires in good condition if you live in a sub-freezing climate. Make sure the battery is in tiptop condition to handle the additional starting load in cold weather.

Then hope for a mild winter and an early spring.

Accident ?

Ken Salter



So what happens after you are involved in an accident ? After the initial shock and emotional distress from the experience, the aftermath is just as stressful and exhausting.

After calling 911, the Fire department arrived in just under 5 minutes, verified no-one was hurt, then checked fluid leakage for potential of fire. The Police arrived shortly thereafter and secured the scene. Everyone involved submitted License, Registration and proof of Insurance to the Officer in charge of the scene. We received a report number and a phone number to call for the accident report so we didn't have to exchange any information.

The insurance company was notified of the accident and the report number, which started the process. They wanted me to take the car to their authorized repair center and drop it off for an estimate. I insisted the car was only going to an authorized Mercedes repair facility and found out I had to request an independent appraisal for this to happen. The appraiser deemed the car non-drivable which earned me a small death-trap rental from Enterprise not to exceed \$25 a day. Too bad the guilty party didn't have insurance so I had to foot the deductible.

I called Mercedes-Benz of Indianapolis and spoke to the Body Shop Manager Lucas DeShong. I had the car towed to the dealership and he coordinated all the insurance details including estimate, inspection, additional repairs required, and payment.

Lucas called me and informed me of the schedule for parts arrival, repair/paint, alignment, and an estimated completion date. They were able to complete the car earlier than estimated and I met with him and reviewed all the details. The quality of the work was impeccable, the paint was absolutely perfect and the 4-wheel alignment was spot on. The excitement of the delivery with a perfect repair was as good as getting a new car.

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2017 Mercedes-Benz SL Leaked Ahead Of Los Angeles Auto Show

Submitted by Jeff Klepac on 11-14-2015 (Source: MotorAuthority)



Though it isn't due to be revealed until November 18 at the Los Angeles Auto Show, the first photos and details for Mercedes-Benz's updated SL range have surfaced. As expected, the luxurious two-seater convertible packs a heavily revised front end that makes it look rather elegant, as opposed to the outgoing car which looks like something Notre Dame resident Quasimodo would roll around in.

The photos were posted on World Car Fans and include not only the standard SL but also the high-performance SL63 and SL65 variants from Mercedes-AMG. Full details are yet to be released but we know that power on some models has been increased. Mercedes has also added its nine-speed automatic transmission to the car, though the Mercedes-AMG variants are likely to be sticking with their AMG Speedshift seven-speed autos.

In the cabin, there's a larger display for the infotainment system, a new clock, new trim elements and, in the Mercedes-AMG models, a new controller for the Dynamic Select drive modes selector. The updated SL also gets Mercedes' latest Active Body Control system similar to the one used on the S-Class Coupe and Convertible models.

Expect to learn more as we get closer to the reveal. In the meantime, enjoy the leaked shots. And for more from the L.A. Auto Show, head to our dedicated hub.



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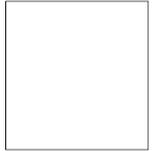
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SNOW TIRES - by Steven Rae (Technical Advisor)

Do we get snow and ice in Indiana? Considering purchasing snow tires for your Benz? What are the alternatives and what are the risks? Consider getting snow tires through mail order, because they come prebalanced and mounted on your choice of rims and they may be less expensive than local stores. The cheapest method is to buy steel rims and get plastic wheel covers that simulate the original equipment (OE) alloy rims. More expensive but more aesthetically pleasing is to get another set of alloy OE rims and mount the snow tires on them. It is highly recommended to get 4 snow tires and not just two for the rear wheels, since you not only need traction to go, but to stop and to steer too! Of course if you get mail order wheels and tires, you will likely have to pay to have them swapped with your current set on your vehicle. Do-It-Yourselfers can save a few bucks here.

A warning about wear. Snow tires do work and they work wonders when pushing through heavy snow, but there is a price to pay, i.e. they are made of softer rubber compounds and do not last very long. If you do get snow tires, I would recommend using them during the 3 winter months only and use your regular tires the rest of the year. Where to find mail order companies? Look in the Star magazine or in other car magazines such as Car and Driver, Automobile or Road and Track. I have a better idea. Choose the wheel and tire combination you want, take the ad with the lowest price and go down to your favorite tire store. Ask if they will meet or beat the price listed and you may be surprised. Be sure to factor in the cost of shipping and mounting to make a fair comparison.

Want to know a truly cheap alternative? Don't buy snow tires, just get 3, 40 lb bags of sand and place them in your trunk. Note: This much extra weight at the rear can have a negative effect on handling in certain situations so do so only at your own risk.

One last safety point. There simply isn't a tire made that can stop a car on solid ice, so please be careful and give yourself plenty of room this Winter season. Happy and SAFE motoring to you all.