

Vintage Lunch and Car Show, March 23, 2008



Blue skies and 72 degrees - a perfect day to have our first car show of the year. Members once again presented their cars on Fort Worth's famous Camp Bowie Boulevard, attracting curious passers-by and spectators who enjoyed the lineup of beautiful Mercedes-Benzes along with the cars' proud owners.

Eighteen cars, made up of a nice variety of types and ages, were shown. All were meticulously prepared by their loving owners and were truly at their best in the lineup - all dressed up with somewhere special to go. Other members and Mercedes owners came with their cars to browse the entrants and to enjoy the show. The event even attracted a classic T-Bird, an old Fairlane and a trio of Corvettes which circled the parked Mercedes, their curious drivers eyeing the lineup.

Attendees chose from the many fine restaurants close by as their lunch destination. After lunch, members and the general public voted for their favorite cars, and Fort Worth section officers tallied the votes. Winners came away with trophies made from crystal 190Es mounted on elegant Italian marble bases - the only catch is that owners needed to be present at the award ceremony to claim their prize.

Four very deserving automobiles were recognized with People's Choice selections. They were:
Best Veteran (1979 and Older) - Pete Schange, 1971 280SL
Best Midtimer (1980 to 1999) - Chet Wakefield, 1981 380SL
Best Contemporary (2000 and Newer) - John and Lena Merk, 2000 SL500
Best of Show (Best of the Best) - John Spawr, 1993 300D 2.5 Turbodiesel.

This marked the second year in a row that voters selected a sedan as the Best of Show winner - proof that everyday Mercedes (if they can be called that) should proudly take their places alongside their glamorous SL, coupe and cabriolet cousins. The winning Black Pearl / Grey 300D 2.5 sedan is just about the best example you can find of the excellent 124 series - superbly maintained, near-flawless and well-prepared for the show.

Congratulations to all participants.















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