

Mercedes-Benz Stars Join In On “Star Drive”



The Mercedes-Benz Club of Sri Lanka together with Diesel & Motor Engineering (DIMO) organised a fun rally for the Mercedes-Benz Club members. The rally started off from the Canowin Arcade at the Southern Expressway with the participation of many Mercedes-Benz Club members and headed towards the South.

Mercedes-Benz Stars that took part included classics such as W108, W110, Young Classics E-Class W123, W124, W124 Cabriolet, SL Cabriolet R129; newer versions such as SL Roadster R230, E-Class W211, CLK W209; and the latest generation of masterpieces, which included the C-Class (W204), E-Class (W212), E-Class Cabriolet, CLS, S-Class (W221) and ‘SLS 55AMG’.

Whilst on the way, the participants had to go through a series of fun activities at

selected locations which included hopper making at a road side restaurant, noting vehicle prices from DIMO Ambalangoda showroom, coconut scraping competition at Star Class ‘Aditya’ Hotel, king coconut drinking competition at a roadside vendor and naming traditional Sri Lankan sweets. The rally was further complemented with a tour of the Galle Fort guided by leading historian Juliet Coombe at ‘Mirissa Hills’ with a late lunch followed by awards for winners.

The winner of the ‘Star Drive’ was the Father and Son duo Mahesh Mallawarachchi and Milindu Mallawarachchi. They were the only ones to name all traditional Sri Lankan sweets correctly whilst the second place went to Dharshana Ratnayaka and his nephew Amrith Ratnayaka. The third place was won by two brothers, Primal and Prashan Wijenayake. Sunil de Costa, President – Mercedes-Benz Club of Sri Lanka said, “the main objective of organising such fun rallies for the membership was to build strong bonds between members, discuss and share common ideas and to showcase the proud heritage of Mercedes-Benz automobiles in Sri Lanka.”