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MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA WISCONSIN CHAPTER

President's Message

Welcome to the first edition of the *Badger Star* for 2025!

2025 Events

We begin 2025 with our 7th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine. Join us Sunday, February 9th when we return to the Fox & Hounds in Hubertus for this very popular event. Get all the details in the event announcement elsewhere in the newsletter.

Other events already scheduled for 2025 are listed on the Event Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter.

Membership Matters

New members joining between December 6 and January 28, as well as those members celebrating milestone anniversaries in February and March are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Congratulations and welcome to all!

Audit Committee Volunteers Sought

We are looking for 2 or 3 individuals to review the financial records of the Section to help make sure that our books and records are in order. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more details about what is involved.

I close these remarks by thanking all of you for being a member of the Wisconsin Chapter. It's our members who make this Chapter successful. I look forward to seeing all of you in person at an upcoming event.

Best regards,



Bruce Hamilton

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Milestone Anniversaries and New Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Years</u>
John Haumschild	10
Rufus Durham	15

New Members since January 1, 2025

John Wernecke

Jeff Reichard

Michael Simon

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Subscription to "The Star", a bimonthly magazine published by Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Discounted price off a New Mercedes-Benz

Discounts on parts, service and accessories from participating Mercedes-Benz Dealerships

15% off parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center

Expert technical advice to help you maintain, service, condition, restore and repair you Mercedes-Benz

And best of all, participation in the many events provided by your local Mercedes-Benz Club of America

UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Recently MBCA made some major changes at the National level. Among them was the implementation of a completely new membership database. That new database requires that all members update their membership profile to ensure that the new database is as accurate as possible.

To update your membership profile, please go to www.mbca.org, log-in and then update your membership profile. You may have to re-register since membership details did not transfer from the old database to the new.

If you do not have access to the internet you need to call the National business office at (719) 633-6427 and ask Natasha to help you update your records. She is available Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Mountain Time.

If you go to voicemail, please leave a message; Natasha is very good about calling back, though it might take a day or two. She can then help you.

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Volunteer Needed!

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CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings are held online using GoToMeeting. Attendees call in using a phone, tablet or computer.

We encourage participation from our members. If you wish to participate, and receive an invitation for a meeting, please contact Bruce Hamilton at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com or 608-754-6066.

Recommendations for new activities or comments on prior events are always welcome.



Wisconsin Chapter—MBCA Driving Event

NW Parking Lot of Elmbrook Church, 777 S. Barker Rd,

Save the date!!

WHAT TO EXPECT...

Many first time participants are understandably concerned about wear and tear on their vehicle or think this will be a race. It is not a race and everything is done in a controlled manner. The maneuvers you will learn are taught by qualified instructors and all within the capability of the vehicle. The idea is to make you aware of them. The speeds involved are quite low and no one will make you drive fast.

Teen Drivers are Encouraged to Attend.

WANTED – BOARD MEMBERS

The Wisconsin Chapter is seeking members who have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors. Three positions are open.

All three (3) positions are for regular three year board terms beginning in January 2025 and running through December 2027.

Board members meet once a month for between one and two hours to plan and direct Chapter activities and establish policies and procedures for Chapter events. Among other things, the Board is responsible for developing and maintaining a running twelve-month calendar of events and capturing requests from members for activities & events.

Board members DO NOT have to travel to attend board meetings; all meetings are conducted using the Chapter's **GoToMeeting** web conferencing software.

Members who sit on the Board of Directors should be willing and able to:

- Attend a majority of monthly board meetings held throughout the year.
- Participate in periodic e-mail exchanges to achieve Board & Chapter objectives.
- Attend Chapter functions throughout the year.
- Be willing to host or co-host an event. An event can be as simple as hosting a Drive-2-Dine or as elaborate as planning and hosting a rallye.

Be a proactive and positive representative of MBCA and the Wisconsin Chapter

Serving on the board of directors is a great way to meet other members and increase your involvement in the Chapter. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact either:

Secretary Dan Hellenberg at spatlese44@yahoo.com or

Bruce Hamilton at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com

Wisconsin Section Club Events 2025

Date	Event—Location	Host—Contact Information
February 9th	Valentine's D-2-D, Fox & Hounds, Hubertus	Bruce Hamilton 608.754.6066 bruce.hamilton@cpa.com
March 21st	Fish Fry, The Duck Inn, Delavan White Elephant auction benefitting charity	Chad Winter 414-303-9585 chad@crs-wi.com
April 26th	Hartford Auto Museum w/lunch @ Mineshaft Hartford date tentative	
May 17th	Gus's Drive In, East Troy	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com
June 8th	Car Show at The Corners of Brookfield,	Nancy & Dean Pearson nancypearson431@gmail.com
July 4th	Germantown July 4th Parade	Jan Miller 262-352-8250 jandmiller4@att.net
July 12th	Sunset Cruise @ Road America with meal at the track	Bruce Hamilton 608.754.6066 bruce.hamilton@cpa.com
August 9th	German-American Day – Carl Schurz Park	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com
TBA	D-2-D Oshkosh area	Dick & Nancy Kusch kuschrichard@gmail.com
September 13th	Autocross/Defensive Driving Event	Nancy Pearson / Bruce Hamilton nancypearson431@gmail.com bruce.hamilton@cpa.com
September 28th	Oktoberfest & Car Show at Dheinsville Park, Germantown	Jan Miller 262-352-8250 jandmiller4@att.net
October 18th	D-2-D & Color Tour, Mineral Point area	Dick & Nancy Kusch kuschrichard@gmail.com
November TBA	Event at or in conjunction with Uman-sky/MB North Shore	
December 7th	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting	

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For the most current Events List visit our Website or FacebookPage

7th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine



Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Where: The Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern

1298 Friess Lake Rd

Hubertus WI 53033

Time: 12:00 noon



Cost: \$40.00/person, including coffee, tea, or soft drinks, tax & gratuity

Join fellow Wisconsin Section members at our 7th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine. It may be the Sunday before Valentine's Day, but you can still bring your

sweetheart (and I don't mean just your MB!).

Enjoy a great Sunday brunch and gemütlichkeit at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern, 1298 Friess Lake Rd, Hubertus. Click for Map

The price of \$40.00 per person includes Sunday Brunch and coffee, tea or soft drinks. A cash bar is available for those wishing an adult beverage.

Reservations Due by Tuesday February 5th

RSVP to Bruce Hamilton at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com or 608-754-6066

PayPal is the preferred payment method, go to <http://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>

If you prefer to pay by check, make your check in the amount of \$40.00 for each person attending payable to "MBCA Wisconsin Section" and mail to Bruce at

Bruce Hamilton

4225 Southwyck Dr

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Note: You are not registered for the event until both your RSVP and your payment are received!

Note: Event Refund Policy in Effect for this Event

F R I D A Y F I S H - F R Y M A R C H 21 , 2025

Enjoy a delightful traditional fish fry with club members at the historic Duck Inn located at the intersection of Hwy A and 89 outside of Delavan .

Meal includes all you can eat broiled or beer battered cod or baked lemon pepper chicken with French fries, potato pancakes coleslaw and rye bread. Dinner will be served family style. We will be doing separate checks for this event and the cost is approximately \$26.16 for dinner tax and tip per person, beverages are separate from the cost of dinner. Each individual/couple or group will have their own check, no funds will be collected prior to the event, and as such the Event Refund Policy will not be in effect for this event.

Please make your reservation by March 14th so we can have a head count for the event.

This year we are planning a White Elephant auction with proceeds benefiting a charity.

Call or e-mail Chad for more details on how you can participate.

Event Details:

Date - Friday March 21st, Social hour 6:30 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM

Cost - \$26.16 per person not including beverages

Location - The Duck Inn N6214 WI-89, Delavan, WI 53115

RSVP - Chad Winter chad@crs-wi.com / 414-303-9585

<https://www.duckinndelavan.com/>

[Google Maps link](#)



D2D at Gus' Old-Fashioned Drive-in at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 17th

Join us as we enjoy a noon picnic lunch at Gus' old-fashioned drive-in, with the 30 feet tall statue of "the muffler man" (www.gussdrivein.com).

After lunch we encourage you to drive around the downtown square to the East Troy Trolley Museum (www.easttroyrr.org). There you may also enjoy a 20-min trolley ride to the Elegant Farmer and return back to the museum. You might also enjoy visiting the authentic 1940-50's Laubers Ice Cream Parlor across the trolley tracks..

Or take a scenic drive heading west on Hwy ES to Hwy 67, just north of Elkhorn. From there you can drive north on Hwy 67 to see the Old World Wisconsin Museum or the South Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest Visitors Center & Museum, on Hwy 59, both near Eagle.

Then you may want to continue north on Hwy 67 and the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive to I-94 near Oconomowoc & Delafield to return home.

Call if you have any questions or to let me know if you would like to join us. You can also just show up at Gus' or the Trolley Museum in East Troy.

Bernd & Chistine Kampe, 262-492-4441 (mobile #), or email- bkampe0@gmail.com

Google Map Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NwT3F2ocvkWGd4NfA>



Section Name Badge Order Form

Order New Wisconsin Name Badges

Badge #1 ☐

Badge #2 ☐ (please print clearly)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

3rd-line option (for current or past club officers)



Standard badge fastener is magnetic. If you prefer a Safety Pin fastener check box ☐ next to badge number above



Wisconsin Section

M-B Shine & Show

Mercedes Car Show

Sunday, June 8th, 2025 12-3:30pm

At **The CORNERS** of Brookfield, WI

I-94 Exit #297 Barker Rd + 20111 W. Bluemound Rd

What to Expect...

Here's a 4th year club event with a lot to offer anyone. A friendly car show at The Corners of Brookfield on Sunday June 8th, 2025. Two other carclubs hold club car shows at The Corners. They were well received by the public.

<https://thecornersofbrookfield.com/> is a vibrant work-live-shop-entertain community. There is a slew of attractive stores (not found everywhere) as well as, numerous restaurants and more. Important to the car show is the availability of private interior streets that management blocks-off to provide a safe space to display our Mercedes-Benz vehicles and for visitors to walk around out-of-doors. Bring family and friends. In addition to exhibiting and viewing cars there are many unique shops, services, and food or drink to sample. Participants will have take-out lunch options among the nine eateries on site.



We encourage Mercedes-Benz dealer(s) to display new vehicles and provide door prizes.

Show Cars need to be in place by 11:45am. Bring your own folding chairs.

Pre-Registered Vehicle Entry Fee is \$35.00. Add \$10 at Event. Cars may be either **displayed or judged**.

Send Registration form below by mail w/check or email and pay w/PayPal link: <https://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>

MBCA Wisconsin Section Car Show Registration Form

Pre-Registration Deadline is May 24th.

Name: _____ MBCA # _____ Car Yr: _____ Model: _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Display only _____ Judge my car _____ (mark one)

Cell Phone: _____ Bring It Along! Checks payable to **MBCA-WI Section** can be mailed
c/o Nancy Pearson, PO Box 650, Brookfield, WI 53008-0650 Email: NancyPearson431@gmail.com

Nancy's office: 262-782-7960

Dean's iPhone on day of event: 414-881-9320.

Sunset Cruise at Road America Saturday, July 12th

Join your fellow MBCA members for a private Sunset Cruise at Road America.

When: Saturday, July 12th

Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm

Cost: \$45.00 per vehicle plus food & beverage

Spend a memorable late afternoon/early evening at America's National Park of Speed enjoying good food and gemütlichkeit before driving your personal Mercedes around Road America's legendary 4-mile road course.

Here is the tentative event schedule:

4:30 PM: Arrival with VIP parking behind the Finish Line Tower, followed by a stop at the Paddock Shop for some shopping and a group photo at Victory Lane.

5:30–6:30 PM: Dinner at the Finish Line Tower.

6:30 PM: Drivers' meeting.

6:45 PM: Staging vehicles to be on track by 7:00 PM.

Our cars will be led by Road America's pace car, so the driving pace will be leisurely and totally safe. Casual clothing, gym shoes and long pants are required.

More details, including food and beverage choices and cost will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendar NOW and plan to join us Saturday July 12th at Road America!



Event Refund Policy

For events which require advanced reservation and prepayment (Christmas Party, Valentine's D-2-D, Rallye, German-American Day and similar events) the following Event Refund Policy will apply.

Cancellations received before the reservation cut-off date will be eligible, at the request of the member, to a full refund. In the event the original payment was made using PayPal, the refund will be limited to the amount paid less the PayPal fees.

Cancellations made after the reservation cut-off date **will not** be eligible for a refund, regardless of the reason for the cancellation. This is because the Section is obligated to the event venue or the number of attendees reserved for the event.

All refunds will be made via a check mailed by the Section Treasurer to the member at their address of record as shown on the Membership Roster as maintained by the MBCA National office.

Policy adopted by the Board of Directors January 12, 2024



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Do you have club event photos, an event write up, a Journey article or advertisement (business or member for sale/to buy) for the next newsletter?

Please send information to Chad Winter, chad@crs-wi.com, (414) 303-9585 by March 15, 2025 to be considered for the April– May newsletter

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