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MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA WISCONSIN SECTION

Mercedes-Benz from Valentines Dine-2-Drive

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I open my remarks in this February – March issue of the Badger Star by welcoming Patrick

Brinkman as our new board member and newsletter editor. Patrick replaces John Ledbury on our Board, and succeeds Bailey Hansen as our Newsletter Editor. Read Patrick's intro and bio elsewhere in this issue.

I would next like to offer very special congratulations to James & Agnes Stearns, who will celebrate fifty(50) years MBCA membership on March 12th!

With no events in the past two months, this issue of the Badger Star focuses on upcoming events, membership anniversaries and milestones. For those of you who did not attend our Christmas Party, please use this link to take a retrospective look at 2022: [Click to View](#). Enjoy the photos, and the memories!

Club Financials

I want to thank everyone who submitted ideas on ways the Section can bolster its financial resources. Those and other ideas were the subject of prolonged discussions during the Section's January 12th board meeting.

Did you see the e-mail from Doug Geganto, MBCA National President, announcing a \$10.00 increase in national dues effective July 1? You will also notice that the increase was approved in November of last year, but not announced until January 19th. Given MBCA National's lack of support to the Sections, and in particular the Wisconsin Section, I encourage you to share your

thoughts, good or bad, on both the dues increase and approximate 2 month delay in announcing it directly with Mr. Geganto. You can reach him at mbcaprez@gmail.com.

2023 Events

Looking ahead, a number of 2023 events already have firm dates and venues.

The first is our 5th annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine, set for February 12th at the Fox & Hounds in Hubertus. See the event details and reservation information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other confirmed events include our March 17th Fish Fry at the Wisconsin Machine Shed in Pewaukee, a Tech Session at Black Forest (see below) followed by our Break in the Weather D-2-D May 13th, a car show at The Corners of Brookfield on June 4th, a return to Gus's Drive in for a Drive-to-Dine September 9th, the September 24th Oktoberfest & Car Show at Dheinsville Historical Park and our 2023 Christmas Party & Annual Meeting on December 3rd, once again at Weissgerber's Golden Mast Inn. Other events are planned.

Our March 17th Fish Fry will feature a White Elephant Auction to benefit our Section. Contact Frank Lubinski at (414) 520-2912 or frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net for details on the Auction and to register for the event, and refer to the event announcement elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

*** The Tech Session at Black Forest is Back! ***

Black Forest is hosting a spring Tech Session on Saturday, April 29th. This



Bruce Hamilton

always popular event is back after a hiatus since 2020. Those of you who have attended past tech sessions know that they are a highlight of our year.

You can find all of the details on the event announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Black Forest goes to considerable effort and expense to hold a tech session, and would like to have at least 50 attendees to make the event successful for both our Section and Black Forest. Consequently I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible.

Related to this, you will notice we changed the date for the Break-in-the-Weather D-2-D to May 13th.

The Event Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter has all the details on these and other events.

We are always looking for event ideas and suggestions. Don't be shy; contact any board member if you have a suggestion or idea. We want to hear from you!! Thinking about hosting an event but concerned about the work involved? There are lots of folks willing to help or co-host an event.

Remember, events don't happen without someone stepping up and hosting.

Membership Matters

Our new members, as well as all members celebrating membership milestones and anniversaries are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont'

The Section has a limited number of milestone anniversary pins available (cleaning out my basement). If you're interested in (and qualify for) one, you can have it for the cost of the mailer and postage. The size varies so the postage will also.

I close these remarks by thanking each and every one of you for allowing me the privilege of serving you as Section President. I was first selected as president in January 2014, so January 2023 marks the beginning of my 10th year as Section President. It's been great, and I hope you feel that I've done a good job.

I look forward to seeing all of you in person at an upcoming event.

Bruce Hamilton

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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 the 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.

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WISCONSIN SECTION CLUB EVENTS 2023

Date	Event - Location	Host - Contact Information
Feb. 12	Valentine's D-2-D, Fox & Hounds Hubertus, Wis.	Bruce Hamilton bruce.hamilton@cpa.com/ 608-754-6066
Mar. 17	Fish Fry, Wisconsin Machine Shed, Pewaukee, Wis. White Elephant Auction for Benefit of WI Section \$25 per person.	Frank Lubinski 414-520-2912 or frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net
Apr. 29	Tech Session at Black Forest, 10am-3pm, Food at Noon, \$15/person Glendale/Milwaukee, Wis.	Black Forest 414-228-4899
May. 13	Break in the Weather D-2-D, Christy's Landing, Madison, Wis.	Mo Afshar moafshar430@gmail.com
June 04	Car show at the Corners of Brookfield, Brookfield, Wis.	Dean & Nancy Pearson nancypearson431@gmail.com/262-782-7960
July TBA	Starry Nights, Brookfield, Wis.	<p><i>Events with a TBA are in the works. Check future newsletters and e-blasts for more information and registration materials.</i></p> 
July TBA	Summer Picnic	
Aug. TBA	German-American Day Carl Schurz Park	
Sep. 09	D-2-D, Gus's Drive-In East Troy	
Sep. 24	Oktoberfest and Car Show at Dheinsville Park Germantown Wis.	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com
Dec. 3	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com

For the most current Event List visit our Website or Facebook Page

wisconsin.mbca.org facebook.com/mbcawi

SPRING TECH SESSION 2023



SATURDAY APRIL 29
10AM - 3PM | \$15

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Make checks payable to: BLACK FOREST LLC

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February – March Milestone Anniversaries

Member	Associate	Years
James Stearns	Agnes Stearns	***50***
Soud Al-Mishwit	Janice Lato	20
Doss Bender	Pandora Bender	20
David Pollock		5



NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Members	Start Date
Greg Mann	01/11/2023
Jane & Andy Myers	01/4/2023
Jorge Benavente	12/27/2022
Robert Herbst	12/23/2022

FEBRUARY-MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Years	Member	Years	Member	Years
Daniel Heiking	37	Mark Breitzman	12	Deborah Jacobus	2
David & Marcella Bedore	36	Edward Land	12	Walter Helleis	2
Terry & Linda Bruss	26	Gordon & Gloria Rozmus	12	John Regan	2
John Bohlman	23	Robert Tenges	12	Derek Hobbs	1
Phillip Nicholas	21	Khristine Dominick	11	Steven Welter & Audreyona	
Robert M Harmon & Dione		Todd Knutson	9	Chavez	1
Cruickshank	21	John Ledbury	9	Eric Graf	1
Steve Seidl	19	John Haumschild	8	Jacob Meyer	1
Gustav Korsholm	17	Chuck Steinkraus	6	Gina Meyer	1
Gary & Jeananne Bargholz	16	Vincent Woller	6	James Meyer	1
Frank Geracie	13	John Girotti	4	Jason Nitke	1
Edward King	13	Brenda Yagla	3	Michael Stephens	1
Rufus Durham	13	Mark Berg	3		

Newsletter Editor Introduction

I have been a member of the MBCA-Wisconsin Section for about one year and a few months. I am currently the Social Media Specialist for the Wisconsin Section and now the Newsletter Editor for the club. I have always loved the elegance and speed of the Mercedes Brand. I am currently a library technician for Gateway Technical College. My other jobs include being a Union Grove Village Trustee and soccer referee. Yes, I do like the German soccer team. Furthermore, I am the Vice President and Web Master of the Union Grove Lions in Union Grove, Wisconsin. In addition, I am an Area Director for District 35 Toastmasters while being a Vice President of Marketing for Southshore Toastmasters. Also, I have been in multiple officer positions for Spectacle City Toastmasters. Thank you for letting me have the chance to create inspiring stories about the events and members of this organization.

Thank you,

Patrick Brinkman



Wisconsin Section

M-B Shine & Show

Mercedes Car Show

Sunday, June 4, 2023 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 club event with a lot to offer anyone. A friendly car show at The Corners of Brookfield on Sunday June 4, 2023. Two other car clubs have previously held club car shows at The Corners and they were well attended by their members. <https://thecornersofbrookfield.com/> is a vibrant work-live-shop-entertain community. There are over 200 apartments and 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 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 expect Mercedes-Benz dealer(s) will display new vehicles and provide door prizes.

Show Cars need to be in place by 11:55am. Bring your own folding chairs. Pre-Registered Vehicle Entry Fee is \$35.00. Add \$10 at Event. Cars may be either displayed only 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 20th.

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 262-782-7960

MB FRIDAY FISH-FRY MAR 17, 2023

Enjoy a delightful traditional fish fry with club members at the Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant in Pewaukee. Meal includes all you can eat fried, baked or beer battered cod and traditional sides. Please make your reservation by March 14th so we can have a head count for the event. Cash Bar available. Frank is planning a White Elephant auction to benefit the WI Section. Call or e-mail Frank for more details on how you can participate.

Event Details:

Date - Friday March 17th, Social hour 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM

Cost - \$25 per person

Location - Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant, N14 W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee, Wis 53072

RSVP - Frank Lubinski (per mail in RSVP below) frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net / 414-520-2912

Fish Fry Reservation Deadline: March 14th

Mail Reservations to:

Name(s) _____

Frank & Cathy Lubinski

Phone No. _____

1007 E. Glenbrook Rd.

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Bayside, WI 53217

QTY: _____ Dinner @\$25.00

Questions: 414-520-2912

Checks Payable to: MBCA Wisconsin Section

Or frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net

EVENT IDEA SUBMISSIONS

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Drive-to-Dine, Tech Session, Concours, Rallye or Social Event venues or other events, please don't hesitate to contact Bruce Hamilton or any other board member. We are always looking for feedback and opinions from our members on events or other club related business. Contact information for all board members is listed on page 3 of this newsletter.



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

Please send information to Patrick Brinkman (contact info on page 3) by March 15, 2023 to be considered for the April-May newsletter.